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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE ANMDAMANS DISTRICT

Port Blair, the 29th January, 2006

To

The District Magistrate, Andamans District, Port Blair.

Sub: Assistance to retrieve dead bodies from Pathan Tekri (North Sentinel) (a hostile Tribal area) from Coast Guard.

Sir,

A missing report was lodged by one Smt. Chanchala Das, w/o. Shri Sunder Raj to the effect that her husband Shri Sunder Raj, s/o. late Alagu Swami, aged about 52 years alongwith one Shri Pandit, r/o. Junglighat went for fishing but have not returned so far.

Their dinghy was located by Coast Guard Aircraft on 27th January, 2006 on North Sentinel Island. However, no person was found nearby. Subsequently, CG Helicopter was sent on 28th January, 2006 to search for the survivors off the Island. The Helicopter could sight boat in broken state with all items scattered on the beach. The Helicopter could also sight two dead bodies and graves at a nearby location. Probably these fishermen have been killed and buried by the Sentinelese.

It is proposed to take the assistance of Coast Guard in retrieving the dead bodies as Local Police do not have the necessary wherewithal to launch an operation. The matter may please be discussed at higher level and if approved, necessary direction may please be given to Coast Guard to retrieve the dead bodies with the help of helicopter. All necessary help will be extended to Coast Guard.

Yours faithfully,

Superintendent of Police Andamans District

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