

अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप प्रशासन  
(पर्यावरण एवं वन विभाग)  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**(DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS)**

Sub: Permission for filming a documentary titled "Odyssey of the Andaman Elephants"-reg

PUC is an email dated 23.09.2019 received from Ms. Prajna Chowta, Aane Mane Foundation, Bangalore, India requesting for granting permission in the name of LES FILMS D'ICI, Paris, France from the PCCF, ANI for shooting the documentary in reserved forest areas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

In this regard, it is pointed out that a French Production Company by the name LES FILMS D'ICI, Paris, France has sought permission to shoot a documentary titled "Odyssey of the Andaman Elephants" at Baratang, Kadamtal, Mayabunder, Interview Island, Diglipur and surroundings (Smith & Ross Island, Saddle Peak), Havelock in the Andaman Islands and Dubare in Karnataka from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. (Flag-A, P/22)

The said Film Production firm has appointed Ms. Prajna Chowta, an Indian citizen, elephant expert and management trustee of the Aane Mane Foundation, Bangalore, India as a consultant for the documentary film and authorize her to represent the firm before the concerned administrations in India for the preparation and making of the film. (Flag-B, P/05)

The Ministry of External Affairs (MoEA), Govt. of India vide their letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 has requested the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change to convey its views/ comments/ no objection to the shooting of the documentary to MoEA. (Flag-C, P/04 & Flag-D, P/03)

The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change vide their letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 has intimated that entry inside the protected areas i.e. Interview Island, Ross Island WLS and Saddle Peak National Park would be subject to the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and Rules framed thereunder and conditions as prescribed by the Chief Wildlife Warden and regarding shooting of documentary in Baratang, Kadamtal, Mayabunder, Diglipur and surroundings (Smith Island) and Havelock, the Ministry has no comments to offer as there is no protected area. (Flag-E, P/02)

Accordingly, the Chief Wildlife Warden, A&N Islands vide letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 had granted permission for filming the documentary in the Protected Areas during the period between January 2020 to March 2020 under section 28 (i)(b) of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 read with rule 19 (A) (iii)(d) of the A&N Islands Wildlife Protection (Amendment) Rules 2017 with certain conditions. (Flag-F, P/01)

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