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To,

The Secretary to Hon'ble LG
Andaman And Nicobar Administration
Raj Niwas, Port Blair,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Subject: Request for release of my book "The Great Nicobar Islands: India's Southern Fortune " being published by *Bloomsbury* by the Hon'ble LG at the Island Tourism Festival, 2019.

Respected Sir,

This is to inform you, that I have authored a book titled as, "The Great Nicobar Islands: India's Southern Fortune " being published by Bloomsbury. This book has been written during the course of my official posting as Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay . It is a natural outcome of my attachment to the people , place and scenic beauty of Great Nicobar Islands .

During my initial postings, I was assigned the responsibilities of Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay which gave me an opportunity to serve in the distant island and understand the issues of general public and help them. I was also the Officer in Charge for the AAJVS (Shompen Hut Complex) at Campbell Bay which exposed me to finer understanding of the Shompen Tribes. Later, as part of routine transfer, I was posted as Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Welfare Department , A&NI. Here in tribal welfare department, I realised that there is very less subject matter available with respect to tribes of Great and Little Nicobar islands. After some time, I was again posted back to Campbell Bay as Assistant Commissioner. I took it as an opportunity to describe about the people and place of the Great Nicobar and Little Nicobar Island and policies associated with them from an administrative and academic angle out of my literary pursuit.