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The Secretary
Tribal Welfare Department,
Andaman And Nicobar Administration
Port Blair,
Andaman And Nicobar Islands.

9/10/2019

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Subject; Request for your concurrence/approval of my book "The Great Nicobar Islands: India's Southern Fortune " being published by *Bloomsbury*.

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.

A brief description of the book.

This book has total 12 chapters. "The Great Nicobar Island: India's Southern Fortune ", helps us understand how Andaman and Nicobar Islands, in general, and Great Nicobar Islands, in particular, can be a keystone of India's strategic and development trajectory. It also describes the fascinating collection of the exotic flora and fauna of the island and discusses the identity and tradition of the Nicobarese and Shompen tribes. I have accounted my journey to Indira Point, Navy Dera, Mount Thullier, Galathea, Makachua and Afra Bay and thus parts of the book read like a delightful travelogue. It gives a vivid description of the potential tourism sites of Great Nicobar Island along with illustrating all the popular tourist destinations of Andaman Islands. In a personal account, I have captured the ordeals and heart rendering narration of the tsunami survivors and the efforts made by the administration in the aftermath. In my professional capacity as the SDM and Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay, I have outlined the challenges to and discussed the prospects of unlocking the potential of growth and development in the Great Nicobar Island and transforming it into a strategic asset. I hope, this book will be of immense value to scholars, strategic experts, bureaucrats and tourists visiting the