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As per Para 52/n on Pre-Page, the issue has been examined in accordance with the provisions of A&N (PAT) Regulation, 1956. The Nicobari tribe is also one of the 'aboriginal tribe' in the PAT Regulation.

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Section 7 of PAT Regulation read with the Conditions provided at Sl. No. 3 of Form B provided under Rule 5 of the A&N Islands (PAT) Rules, 1957 provides that-

"the pass holder shall not collect any forest produce from the reserved area and shall not carry to or from the tribal reserve area any book, diary, manuscripts, map, picture, photograph, film, curio or article or religious or scientific interest which is likely to be against public interest or may affect the security of the State".

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A copy of the legal opinion obtained in the matter of coffee table book titled "People of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" of Anthropological Survey of India is placed opposite as per which, the AnSI was disallowed to publish/ circulate the coffee table book under the provisions of the PAT Regulations.

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As per the minutes placed alongside, the committee constituted for "preservation and promotion of tribal culture and dying form art forms" met on 6.9.2019 resolved to prepare Coffee Table Book. The committee may explore the possibilities to preserve the pig festival and other tribal cultural activities being organized by them on the eve of Christmas celebration in the months between October-December.

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Further, the Director (Art & Culture) may consider to include the officials of Directorate of Tribal Welfare/ Dy Commissioner, Car Nicobar in the sub-committee constituted to undertake research authentication as mentioned at Point No. 1 (iv) of the minutes.

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