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May like to see the email dated 14.5.2019 of Ms Anita Mondal, Lecturer of Economics Department in the Andaman Law College, Port Blair, enclosing therewith, a copy of concept note and brief questionnaire to carry out interaction with Onge Tribe for a research article.

In earlier occasion also Ms Anita Mondal had approached to this Directorate for grant of permission to carry out the interaction with the Onge tribe alongwith brief script as well as questionnaire. After examining, the Secretary (TW), A&N Administration, approved the proposal with certain terms and conditions and referred the file to Dy Commissioner, South Andaman being the statutory authority as per Section (7) of the A&N (PAT) Regulations, 1956. The Dy Commissioner returned the file with the observations that the decision may be taken by TW Department as per extant rules/ guidelines. Since then no decision has been taken and the proposal is kept pending. May see Para 66-13/n.

Now again through the aforesaid email dated 14.5.2019, Ms Anita Mondal, Lecturer of Economics Department in the Andaman Law College, Port Blair has requested to grant her permission to interact with the Onge tribe.

In this connection, it is to submit that there is no such guideline available with this office under which this Directorate can take any decision to allow or restrict any person to enter into the reserve area. It is vested with the District Administration only as per PAT Regulations. However, any person requiring tribal pass to visit tribal area with the intention to carry out research activities, in that case, the District Administration seeks the view of this Directorate. This Directorate examine such cases from research point of view, such as, whether the outcome of project/ research/study will facilitate or provide betterment of tribal culture, tradition and community, the outcome of the study will not create any controversy or present/showcase negative perspective of Administration. Considering all such parameters only this Directorate usually convey NOC.

In view of the above, Ms Anita Mondal may be asked to approach the Dy Commissioner, South Andaman to complete the procedure required for obtaining tribal pass and if the Dy Commissioner (SA) will seek views from this Directorate, then a NOC will be conveyed to them.

Submitted for approval please.

Director (TW)

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Ms Anita Mondal, has been informed on the above lines, on her given email-id.

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