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Dated 23rd July, 2019

Respected Sir,

With respect to your e-mail with the attachment of the letter DO No. 272/2018-TW dated 18th July, 2019 from the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, I wish to submit that the book titled People of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (which carries a Foreword from the Hon. Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Administration) which the Anthropological Survey of India has published, has not been circulated, as was advised by the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration on 19th June, 2019. However, five of its copies were given to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for perusal. On the verbal advice of the Chief Secretary, each of its copies were submitted to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India, and the Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes for comments.

I also wish to submit that the Anthropological Survey of India has been conducting researches among the communities of Andaman & Nicobar Islands since 1946 with responsibility and has never violated any of the codes of conduct and rules. The sole purpose of the book in question is to sensitize the readers with the diversity of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, its people and ecology.

I once again want to confirm that the above mentioned book has not been circulated.

The Anthropological Survey of India will not circulate the above-mentioned book without explicit permission of the Government of India.

With kind regards,

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Yours faithfully

(Signature)