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PUC is a letter No. 7-8/2004-Lib dated 3.7.2019 of Head of Office (CD) addressed to Chief Secretary regarding publication titled "People of Andaman & Nicobar Islands".

Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) has recently brought out a priced publication titled "People of Andaman & Nicobar Islands" containing a number of restricted photos of aboriginal tribes, which was sought to be released by Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands.

Under PAT Regulations, entry of non-tribal, transfer of land & tourism or commercial activities is prohibited within the reserved area. Further, Photography or videography of aboriginal tribes is a punishable offence as per PAT Regulation amended in 2012.

Director, AnSI was advised not to release or circulate the publication as the same was containing photographs of aboriginal tribes, which may lead to unwarranted criticism and adverse tourism. However, AnSI released the publication, which is considered to be a unhealthy practice for any Govt. Organization to exhibit.

In view of the above and as directed, a draft DO letter on the above lines is placed alongside for kind approval.

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