

May please peruse note at Page 25/N regarding letter/PUC pertaining to book titled "People of Andaman & Nicobar Islands". As per the observations recorded in the PUC, it is submitted that: -

- a) This Administration has not granted any approval for publication of priced book to the AnSI.
- b) It does not seem to be in accordance with the provisions of PAT Regulation.

The A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 promulgated by the President of India provides protection of the interests of socially and economically backward aboriginal tribes in the A&N Islands. As per Section 7 of the Regulation, 1956, entry into tribal reserved area declared by the Administrator under Section 3(1) of the PAT Regulations is prohibited without pass.

As per condition 3 of Form B "Pass for entering a reserved area" mentioned in the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Rules, 1957 -

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

The Administration has brought stringent penal provisions in the PAT Regulation, by way of amendment under Sections 7 and 8, w.e.f. 9th July, 2012 against the violations in the tribal reserve area.

Section 7A(2) - No person shall promote tourism activities, directly or indirectly, through advertisement relating to the aboriginal tribes

Section 8(4) - Whoever enters, in contravention of the notification issued under Section 7 into the reserved area for the purpose of taking photographs or making videos of the aboriginal tribes, he shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to three years and with fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees.