When the Director, AnSI called upon the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration for release of book titled "People of Andaman & Nicobar Islands", he was advised not to release or circulate the priced publication, till it has been examined by the Administration as per PAT Regulation, because the photographs of aboriginal tribes used in the priced publication may promote tribal tourism and attract unwarranted criticism. He was advised to consider publishing a textbook without pictures of aboriginal tribes or it can be used for library purpose instead of selling it on payment basis. Instead of considering our request, the AnSI has circulated the said priced publication

The pictures of aboriginal tribes used in the priced publication seem to violate the provisions of PAT Regulation. Still we may solicit the advice of Law Department of the Administration.

Further, as desired, draft DO letters addressed to Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India are placed opposite for kind approval please.

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