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## ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

सचिवालय / SECRETARIAT

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Port Blair, dated the

September, 2018.

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The Govt. of India in the interest of promoting tourism and holistic development of the A & N Islands has decided, with the approval of the Competent Authority to exclude 29 inhabited islands in the UT of A & N Islands from the Restricted Area Permit regime notified under the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963 till 31.12.2022 subject to certain conditions as conveyed vide letter No. 25022/32/2018-F.I dated 29.6.2018 of Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) New Delhi.

With a view to protecting the interests of tribals and also in the light of point No. VIII of the letter of Govt. of India referred to above that separate approvals of the Competent Authority would continue to be required for visiting Reserved Forests, Wild Life Sanctuaries and Tribal Reserves as is the case at present the following instructions is hereby issued:-

- (i) The provision regarding issuance of Pass by the Deputy Commissioners under Section 7 of the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956 for entering a Reserved Area in A & N Islands will continue as is the case at present in case of Indian nationals.
- (ii) In case of foreigners visiting A &N Islands and wishing to access the Tribal Reserve the Deputy Commissioner(s) shall refer the application to Pr. Secretary (Tribal Welfare) for prior approval of the Administration.

The above instructions are issued with the approval of the Competent Authority in the Administration.

(Ranjeet Kumar Singh)
Joint Secretary (Home)

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1. All DCs.

2. All Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries/HODs.

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