

May like to see the DO letter No. 12-11/2019 A&A dated 25.7.2019 (Page 146-147/c) of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India received in response to this Admn's DO letter No. 1-272/2018-TW dated 18.7.2019 (page 141-142/c) regarding circulation of the book titled "People of Andaman and Nicobar Islands" by the AnSI.

Earlier, this Administration has written to Ministry of Tribal of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Culture, Govt of India for not adhering to the advice of this Administration by the AnSI regarding circulation of the book titled "People of Andaman and Nicobar Islands", which was not in accordance with the provisions of PAT Regulations. The said issue was also brought to the notice of Raj Niwas Secretariat vide UO Note dated 22.7.2019 (Page 143/c) for the kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

In response, the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture has now conveyed that the AnSI has made confirmation to them that they have not circulated the said priced book. Further, the Ministry of Culture has also given an assurance that the publication of any such book will be in conformity with the codes of conduct or rules in the matter and this Administration will be kept apprised of the status is such regard.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the action taken by the Ministry of Culture, Govt of India on the request of this Administration may kindly be brought to the notice of the Secretary to LG for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Lt Governor.

Submitted please.

Secretary (TW)