

PUC is a letter dated 22.3.2018 received from the Administrative Officer (ALHW), A & N Islands, Port Blair enclosing therewith a copy of departmental magazine namely "Utsarg" in Hindi. He has requested to grant permission to publish the departmental magazine namely "Utsarg" which contain the pictures of Jarawa tribes of A & N Islands.

The request made by the Administrative Officer (ALHW), A & N Islands, Port Blair has been examined in light of Section 8 sub-section (4) of the amended A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 2012, which states that "whoever enters, in contravention of the notification issued under section 7, into the reserved area for 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."

The pictures used in the article have been obtained by them from internet. The pictures/ videos of Jarawa tribes which are uploaded/available in the internet are in controversial state because action is being taken by this Administration on the direction of the NCST against those who have uploaded the videos of Jarawa tribes. Furthermore, the pictures which are available in the internet are being posted by the user with wrong intention and prior permission under PAT Regulation.

Therefore, granting permission to the ALHW to use the Jarawa picture in their article would give a sign of endorsement that the pictures of Jarawa which are available in the internet are acceptable by this Administration and it can be used by anyone for any purpose.

Submitted please.

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We may seek opinion of ANTR on the issue.

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