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अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
जनजाति कल्याण निदेशालय
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

To

Port Blair dated the 14 February, 2020

The Secretary (Rev)
A&N Administration
Port Blair

Sub: -Grant of Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) – reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Admn's letter No. 14/(G-1)/1/Folder dated 5.2.2020 on the above subject and to inform that the areas indicated as C17, C18, C19 & C20 in the Block AN-OSFP-2018/2 for exploration work falls in the tribal reserve as per Notification Nos. 1059/2004/F. No. 1-752/2002-TW(PF) dated 15.9.2004. It is observed that part of the area may also falls in the sea ward side (1 Km from the high tide line on the western side of the South and Middle Andaman Islands from Constance Bay to Lewis Inlet Bay) which is a notified tribal reserve as per Notification No. 16/2013/F.No. 2009-TW/Vol-IV dated 17.1.2013.

As per Section 6 of the A&N (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, no person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe shall, except with the previous sanction of the Chief Commissioner, acquire any interest in any land situated in a reserved area or in any product of, or crop raised on, such land, or shall, except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence granted by the Chief Commissioner, carry on any trade or business in any such area.

There does not seem to be any objection to grant permission for exploration of Petroleum in the Jarawa Tribal Reserve (either in landward side or seaward side) keeping in view the national interest, subject to the condition that prior approval of the Hon'ble LG under A&N (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 will be required.

Yours faithfully

Rajendra 14/2/20
Assistant Commissioner (TW)