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PUC is a letter No. SP(D)/SA/2018/2137 dated 16.5.2018 from the Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District enclosing the clarification sought from the Andaman Nicobar Command in the context of landing of Defence Helicopter at Dugong Creek, Little Andaman. The SP (SA) has received the copy of the letter dated 9.5.2018 sent to Dy Director (Civil Aviation) of A&N Administration by the ANC, which has in-turn been enclosed in her letter to Secretary (TW), A&N Administration (PUC).

The SP (SA) has requested the Department of Tribal Welfare, Port Blair to examine whether there is any violation of PAT Regulation involved in the landing of Defence Helicopter in the tribal reserve area at Dugong Creek, Little Andaman.

In this connection, the relevant Notification issued by the A&N Administration vide Notification 181/90/F.No.1.467/86. TW dated 9.11.90 is quoted below: -

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 (No.3 of 1956) and in partial modification of this Administration Notification No. AN/PATR/7/1 dated the 21st April, 1957, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman and Nicobar Islands, has been pleased to order that all the Defence personnel while proceeding to a reserved area in the discharge of their specific duty in organised body shall be exempted from taking out a pass for entering in such area in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Administration will be intimated about such movement so as to inform elements of Bush Police and forest employees working in the area"

This supersedes the Administration Notification No. 62/69/F. NO.50.8/68.J (1) dated the 3rd June, 1969 as published in the Andaman and Nicobar Gazette Extraordinary No. 51 dated 3rd June, 1969.

*(Lt Gen. Ranjit Singh Dyal)
Lieutenant Governor,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands.*

*By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor
Sd/-
Secretary (Tribal Welfare)*

It is evident from the above Notification that

- (i) All the Defence personnel while proceeding to a reserved area in the discharge of their specific duty in organised body shall be exempted from taking out a pass for entering in such area in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- (ii) The Administration will be intimated about such movement so as to inform elements of Bush Police and forest employees working in the area

In view of the above legal position, the enforcement agency of PAT Regulation, 1956 i.e. A&N Police may take further action.

Subject to approval, a draft letter on the above lines is placed alongside for kind perusal.

EO (TW)

JRO

The above said matter has been dealt in. 0055. Hence the issue is closed.