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Concede it vide this office letter No. 1-272/2003-TW(PF)/1041 dated 15.3.2005 at page 16/c. During this period, they have been seen at Adibasera where the Andamanese were staying. (Adibasera was declared as relief camp for the Andamanese).

In response to this Admn.'s letter No. 1-272/2005-TW/1589 dated 31st Oct'2005 at page 24/c, Prof. Dr. Anvita Abbi, Professor of Linguistics, JNU, New Delhi, vide her letter dated 21.11.2005 has submitted her first project report titled "Vanishing voices of the Great Andamanese" (copy is placed at page 31-35/c for kind perusal) and has stated that their team worked hard despite adverse circumstances created by Tsunami. Because of the circumstances beyond their control, linguistic data elicitation did not meet their goal and at present the data they have is too small to write even a grammatical sketch leave alone a comprehensive grammar. So, she has requested this Administration to give permission to the following students viz. Dr. Alok Das, Dr. Shailendra Mohan, Shri. Narayan K Chaudhary and Shri. Abhishek Avtans to continue their work with the Great Andamanese in place of Dr. Alok Das, Ms. Bidisha Som and Ms. Arti Kumari.

As per the terms and conditions of tribal pass, all the team members should get Medical Certificate from an authorized Govt. Doctor to the effect that they are not suffering from any diseases including communicable diseases resulting in a health to the Andamanese.

They have not given any copy of tribal pass issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Andaman to this office including copy of the medical certificate of all three members.

As per agenda item No. 9 of the minutes of the Executive Council AAJVS which met on 23.12.2004 and 24.3.2005 at page 17-22/c, the approval of the Executive Council and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs is required to be obtained to carry out their studies on the project relating to linguistic research, but she has approached the Ministry of Home Affairs to intervene in the matter so that her team could be permitted to visit Strait Island so as to complete the project relating to linguistic research. This indicates that they have not taken any approval from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Further, the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home affairs vide their letter dated 02.11.2005 at Page 25-27/C have requested this Administration to grant permit to the team members of Prof. Dr. Anvita Abbi to visit Strait Island for linguistic research.

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