Reference to Para 7/N at Page 2/N

Proposal in file is regarding granting of permission to one Jamat consists of 14 persons to visit Car Nicobar & Nancowry group of islands to meet Muslim brothers for religious purpose and intend to stay there for a period of 20 days. Before granting permission to the applicants, the file has been rooted to the Tribal Welfare Department for comments.

In this context, it is stated that the President, Jama Masjid Mosque Committee, Port Blair has forwarded the applications of 14 persons who have proposed to visit Car Nicobar & Nancowry group of islands for religious purpose at their own. The areas inhabited by tribals i.e Nicobarese have been declared as reserved area under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956. Persons other than the members of Aboriginal Tribes are prohibited to enter into the Tribal reserve unless they are permitted by the Competent Authority under the said regulation.

Under Section 7 of the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, the Deputy Commissioner of the District is the statuary authority to consider the application for Tribal Pass.

Accordingly the file is returned herewith.

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