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Dear Shri Negi,

Wish you a very Happy Diwali.

The JNU is having an on-going project titled "Vanishing Voices of the Great Andamanese", to conduct linguistics research on documenting the dying heritage of India, the Great Andamanese. The Director of the Project is Dr. (Mrs) Anvita Abbi, Professor of Linguistics at JNU. The project was launched in November 2004 for the duration of 3 years ending in October 2007. In connection with the project Professor Abbi and her associates would have to visit the Strait Island, the habitat of the tribes which is seventy miles from Port Blair. My predecessor Professor GK Chadha sought permission to visit the Island by Prof. Abbi and her team from your predecessor Shri V.V. Bhatt. A copy each of Professor Chadha's letter and the permission letter by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration are enclosed herewith.

I would like to inform you that because of the Tsunami havoc that hit the Island the JNU team could not visit the area immediately after the havoc. The Andaman & Nicobar Administration also discouraged the JNU team from visiting the area during the relief works. We believe, now the situation has improved and the normalcy is restored, and, therefore, it is now possible to visit the area to elicit linguistic data. Professor Abbi and her team would like to visit as early as possible so as not to lose any more time. I am requesting you to kindly permit her to visit the concerned area and do the above mentioned study. I shall appreciate a line in confirmation so that Professor Abbi and her team can visit the Island with your cooperation.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

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It appears that they have not visited yet even once at Strait Island after this permission is it correct? It was made to understand that this is ongoing project and studies are in half way.

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for whom benefit? is it V. V. Bhatt?

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