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Principal Investigator, Middle Andamans

Date: 16-8-14.

To,
The Director,
Tribal Welfare,
Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration,
Port Blair

Sir,

Sub.: DBT Research Project-Visit to Jarawa Protected Area in Middle and South Andamans-Permission-reg.

Ref.: No. CWLW/WL/134/524 dated 5-2-2014.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that this is with reference to our multi-institutional research project sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India entitled 'quantitative assessment and mapping of plant resources in Andaman and Nicobar Islands'. Prof. K.N. Ganeshaiah, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore is the Project coordinator and Dr. M. Sanjappa (ex Director, Botanical Survey of India), Dr. C. Murugan, Officer In-Charge, BSI, Port Blair and me are other Principal Investigators of the project.

The project field work is initiated in 2011 and scheduled to complete by March, 2015. As part of project work, our teams have to explore A & N islands through sampled grids. I, as a Principal Investigator for Middle Andamans along with my student team should cover 265 grids including Jarawa Protected area comprising about 90 grids. In this regard, along with Project coordinator our team met you in April, 2013 and requested for permission to work in Jarawa Protected area for which you are kind enough to agree for explorations.

With reference to the letter cited, The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), A & N islands has accorded permission to our 'DBT Project team' to undertake the project work for a period of 15 months from 1st January 2014 to 31st March, 2015 in protected areas. Part of the project, during November-March, 2014-15, our team would like to explore the 'Jarawa Protected Area' for which we solicit your kind permission. Our team comprises me and two research scholars (Mr. M. Bheemalingappa & Mr. Chennakesavulu Naik) and two field assistants (Mr. S. Sreenivasulu & Mr. R. Rama Mohan). We will abide all the rules and regulations of A & N Island Administration and Tribal Welfare Department.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

Copy to Prof. K.N. Ganeshaiah, Project co-ordinator
Copy to Dr. M. Sanjappa, Principal Investigator
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