

PUC is a letter dated 27.5.2016 received from Shri Manish Chandi, Field Director, ANET, Principal Investigator, DST-SP/TSP/036/2011-C regarding issue of tribal pass for conducting field work in the Nicobar Islands for the project on restoration of Nypa and Pandanus in the Southern Nicobar Islands, funded by DST, GOI to visit Tribal Reserved area of A & N Islands for exploration of medico-botanical survey.

Shri Manish Chandi, has stated that he is carrying out a project titled — "Renewing livelihood resources of Nypa fruticians, Pandanus leramand technological interventions in the Southern Nicobar Islands". The validity of the earlier tribal pass was upto March'2016. He has stated that he shall carryout the fields work in the Nicobar Islands from the month of June'2016 for few weeks as find when required basis to update and compile the annual report on the outcomes of the previous field season. He has requested to grant permission to continue to carryout the field work in the Nicobar Islands for the project on restoration of Nypa and Pandanus in the Southern Nicobar Islands

In this context it is submitted that the above said project is of DST, GoI and WWF – India, hence it is proposed that we may recommend the case of Shri Manish Chandi for grant of permission to visit Nicobar Islands to carry out the project titled – "Renewing livelihood resources of Nypa fruticians, Pandanus, Pandanus in the Southern Nicobar Islands" subject to leramand technological interventions in the Southern Nicobar Islands" subject to the condition that he may not intervene with the tribals, their life style and culture which may be categorically incorporated in the Tribal Pass.

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

If approved, we may request the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman to issue tribal pass to Shri Manish Chandi, Field Director, ANET, Principal Investigator, to carry out project on restoration of Nypa and Pandanus in the Southern Nicobar Islands.

Subject to approval, a draft letter is submitted for approval please.

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