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PUC is a letter dated 31.8.2016 addressed to Director (Tribal Welfare) by DE (Satellite Mtce) ETR, DE Satellite (M), New Telephone Exchange, Port Blair wherein, it has been informed that the BSNL is providing Telecom service upto Diglipur through the optical fiber cable which is passing through Jarawa reserve areas inside the creeks. The maintenance of the optical fiber is stated to be a challenging task in this region, as the route is working on linearly, the entire communication network get disturbed in case of any damage occurs along the route. Due to non-availability of any alternative protection route, the land line, broadband, mobile service remain paralyzed affecting services in banks, Govt offices, even post offices causing serious hardship to the public. The restoration of the services very often is getting delayed as the restoration party fails to reach promptly at location site due to prevalent restriction for movement of vehicles in Jarawa areas. Due to delay on restoration of an essential telecommunication services, a lot of anguish and embarrassments are brewing among the public of Middle & North Andaman, as they fail to communicate in absence of any alternative media. Therefore, in order to protect the interest of the public of Middle & North Andaman, they sought for permission in favour of the following team members who shall visit to Jarawa Reserve Area on 1.9.2016 and 2.9.2016 without convoy for maintenance purpose and also as and when fault occurs in this area due to natural calamity or damage due to some external or damage due to some external agencies, beyond the stipulated period to give priority to ferry vehicle in the creeks to reduce service down time period.

S. No.	Name	Designation	ID Card No.
1	BC Pradhan	SDE, Stat ETR Port Blair	ETR/279
2	Ponnam Ajay	SDE, Stat ETR Port Blair	ETR/292
3	Sunil Barla	Driver	LMV-6698-LMV
4	Venkrteswar Rao	Contract Labour	1403

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It is submitted as per the Section 7 of the PAT, 1956 the Dy Commissioner is the competent authority to grant necessary permission to enter in the scheduled area. Since the requirement is received from the govt agency and providing of better services of connectivity like land line, broadband, mobile service is need of the hour so that the services in banks, Govt offices, post offices and general public may not be affected. Therefore, it will be appropriate to grant them permission to the above named officials of BSNL to carry out the maintenance work in the Jarawa Reserve area on 8.9.2016 and .9.2016, subject to following conditions: -