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Sub: - Proposal of study of astronomical beliefs of the tribal people of A & N islands by TIFR.

PUC is the e-mail dated 16/02/2017 from Mayank Vahia of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research under the Department of Atomic Energy Govt. of India, addressed to Hon'ble Lt. Governor regarding their request for the permission to study the astronomical beliefs of the tribal people of A & N islands.

The proposed study is worth pursuing and as such it could be encouraged subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The TIFR, Mumbai to associate A & N Tribal Research Institute (ANTRI) in the field study among the aboriginal tribes of these islands.
- (ii) Prior approval of the study proposal by the Research Advisory Board (RAB) of ANTRI
- (iii) Research personnel are to abide by the provisions of the A & N islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 including the terms and conditions of the Tribal Pass to be obtained by each researcher from concerned Deputy Commissioner of the District.

An initial response could be sent to the TIFR in the above lines with the approval of CS /LG. In case, the above terms are accepted by the TIFR then the matter could be placed before the RAB during its next meeting for approval.

Draft reply is placed opposite for perusal and approval.

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29/03/2017

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