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PUC is a letter No. 24-2017/ACCI/1661 dated 10.7.2017 received from President, Andaman Chamber of Commerce, Port Blair, wherein, he has informed that during the 50th Annual general Meeting of the Chamber held on 9.7.2017 at Port Blair, the issue related to issuance of tribal pass beyond three months were raised before the Chief Guest the Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Guest of Honour the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

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The Contractors who are awarded to undertake Govt work in the tribal area for 2-3 years, often they find difficult to renew the tribal pass or getting the new pass, In such case tribal pass may be issued for a longer period so that frequent applying for renewal/ issuance of tribal pass and time consumed on this account can be saved. Moreover the work can be completed within the time prescribed as any delay because of issuance of tribal pass can be saved. Therefore, those who have been awarded the work in the tribal area and it will take a long time to complete the work, in such case, tribal pass may be issued for a longer period till the completion of the work or the time specified in the work order whichever is earlier.

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In this connection it is submitted that following provisions have been kept under the PAT Rules & Regulation, 1956, which provides entry of non tribals in the tribal reserve areas:

Section 7: *The Chief Commissioner may, by notification prohibit any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe or any class of persons other than members of an aboriginal tribe from entering a reserved area except on the authority and subject to the observance of the conditions and restrictions of a pass granted by the Deputy Commissioner or by such other officer as the Deputy Commissioner may authorise in writing in this behalf.*

Chapter II - Passes

Rule 3 - "Period for which pass may be granted or renewed"

- A Pass under Section 7 may be granted for a period of one year or a part thereof and may, subject to the provisions of these rules, be renewed for a further period not exceeding one year

Rule 5 - "Grant and Renewal of Pass" - (1) On an application filed under rule 5, if the Dy Commissioner, after such enquiry as he may deem fit to make, does not reject the application, he may, subject to the provisions of these rules, grant a pass to the applicant in Form B for any period expiring on a date within the current financial year (2) A pass granted under Sub-Rule (1), may on application being made in form "D" to the Deputy Commissioner, be renewed by him for a period permitted under Rule 3.

Chapter III- Licence for trade or business

Rule 8 Grant of Licence - On an application filed under 7, if the Chief Commissioner, after such enquiry as he may deem fit to make, does not reject the application, he may, subject to the provisions of these rules, grant a licence for a period of not exceeding one year

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