

F. No. 1-272/2014-TW

(16) PUC is a letter dated 16.8.2014 (received by this office on 9.9.2014) from Dr B Ravu Prasad Rao, Professor of Botony, Principal Investigator, DBT Project Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur, Andhara Pradesh regarding DBT research project - permission to visit to Jarawa Protected Area in Middle and South Andaman District

(17) It has been stated that their multi institutional research project sponsored by Department of Biotechnology, Govt of India entitled "*quantitative assessment and mapping of plan resources in A&N Islands*". The project field work is initiated in 2011 and scheduled to complete by March, 2015. As a part of their project work, their teams will explore A&N Islands through sample grids. It has been further stated that they have received permission for their "DBT project team" from Forest Department of the Administration to undertake their project from 1st January, 2014 to 31st March, 2014. Part of the project, during November to Marvh, 2015 2014-15, their team would like to explore the Jarawa Protected area.

(18) It is submitted that the Hon'ble LG has constituted a RAB for ANTRI. One of the objectives of the RAB is to function as clearing house for all research proposals pertaining to the indigenous tribal communities and tribal areas of the A&N islands.

(19) The next RAB meeting is likely to be held in the month of October or November, 2014. Hence, it is proposed that we may place the above said research proposal entitled "*quantitative assessment and mapping of plan resources in A&N Islands*" before the RAB, ANTRI which is a clearing house for research projects.

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