

This is regarding grant of permission to Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat for implementation of research project entitled "Medico-Botanical Survey of A&N islands (selected areas)" to provide service oriented health care facilities to the tribal people through door-to-door and collection of vital data viz personal hygiene, occupation, addition etc.

The Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat has addressed a letter dated 21.5.2015 to Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N islands, which was forwarded by H'MP vide his letter dated 26.5.2015 to the Dy Commissioner, South Andaman for immediate action. In turn, the Dy Commissioner, South Andaman has forwarded the said letter of H'MP and Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat to this office with the request to accord necessary permission to him to carry out the project for the benefits of the tribal.

In this connection, it is submitted that the above said research proposal was placed and deliberated in the 7th meeting of Research Advisory Board of ANTRI meeting held on 11.5.2015 which was also attended by the Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat among others.

As per item No. IV (Point 11) of the minutes of the said RAB meeting (Flag-X), the Department of Tribal Welfare has conveyed no objection clearance to the Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat for undertaking the documentation of medicinal plants in Nicobar District and the medical practices followed by the Nicobarese subject to their obtaining the requisite permissions from the competent authority of the Administration and submission of the updated concept note and the estimated cost for seeking central assistance to the Director (TW) and Director (ANTRI) fortnightly. The copy of minutes of the above said RAB meeting was also provided to the Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat.

In view of the above, it is proposed that we may request the Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat to obtain necessary permission from the District Administration to carry out the research projects in the Nicobar District. We may also request the AYUSH to submit the updated concept note and the estimated cost for seeking central assistance to the Director (TW) and Director (ANTRI) latest by 10.6.2015, as decided in the 7th RAB meeting.

Subject to approval, a draft letter addressed to Research Officer i/c, Ayurveda Tribal Health Care Research Project, Junglighat with the copy endorsed to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands and Dy Commissioner, South Andaman District is placed below for kind perusal and approval, please.

Submitted please.

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