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Contract labourers working in Car Nicobar in dilemma Reinvented tribal pass policy hampering developmental works in Car Nicobar: MP

Port Blair, July 09:

The Member of Parliament Shri Bishnu Pada Ray has urged the Administration to simplify the process of issuing the tribal passes for visiting Nicobar District tribal areas. In his letter addressed to the Lt. Governor he informed that during his recent tour to Car Nicobar, many Govt. Contractors complained that the process of renewing the tribal passes of the labourers in particular, have been made very complex by the district administration, thus leaving people to face a lot of hardships.

Shri Ray has observed that the unnecessary delay in renewing the passes by the district office, prompts the police to arrest the

unreplenished labourers. The labourers are kept in jail for many days for alleged non-renewal of passes, whereas the labourers are not to be blamed for it. Talking about the new policy adopted by the district office, Shri Ray said that whenever the labourers need to renew the passes, they are asked to get the NOC from the tribal council. Moreover the newly arrived labourers from mainland who are seeking fresh tribal pass to enter the tribal area to work under the contractors working at Car Nicobar District are need to produce the character certificate issued by any Gazetted officer, at Port Blair. The new labourers are strangers to the officers and

hence it is difficult to obtain certificates by them.

The MP said that the validity of only 6 months for the tribal area instead of one year is another issue. Due to the delay of many months in the process of renewal by the district office the labourers are again forced to apply for the next renewal after few months. Calling it unfortunate, Shri Ray said that once the labourer gets arrested for any minor offense like accidents etc; he is denied for the issue/renewal of tribal pass. Shri Ray requested the LT. Governor to take sensible efforts to simplify the pass issue/renewal process, so that the development works in the region do not get affected.

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