

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the 8th December 2004.

ORDER NO. 4247

WHEREAS a Public Interest Litigation being WP (PIL) No. 173 of 2001 (Shri Arunangshu Chakraborty - Vs - Union of India & Others) was filed before the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court at Calcutta (Circuit Bench at Port Blair) inter alia challenging the Administration Order No. 3683 dated 22.10.1999 prescribing thereby dual system of ship fare for various classes of accommodation on board of vessels plying in Mainland-Island Sectors of the Union Territory Administration.

AND WHEREAS the Hon'ble High Court while disposing the said PIL by judgment dated 10th May 2002 desired that the introduction of dual ship fare should be regulated by the appropriate authority by framing Rules in the light of the judgment as passed in the above matter;

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), A&N Islands keeping in view the remoteness of the A&N Islands from the Mainland and keeping in view the overall interest of the residents including their socio-economic condition and the geographic location of these islands has decided to provide concessional rate of ship fare to the Islanders and Residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

NOW THEREFORE, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), A&N Islands in pursuance to the judgment passed in the Public Interest Litigation being WP (PIL) No. 173 of 2001 (Shri Arunangshu Chakraborty - Vs - Union of India & Others) on 10th May 2002 by the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court at Calcutta (Circuit Bench) at Port Blair has been pleased to pass the following orders: -

1. That all the **"Islanders"** and **"Residents"** of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (as defined in sub-para 2 below) shall be eligible for travel by ship between Mainland-Island at a concessional rate of passenger ship fare as may be fixed by the A&N Administration from time to time.
2. (i) **"Islanders"** - means and includes:
 - (a) Tribals of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

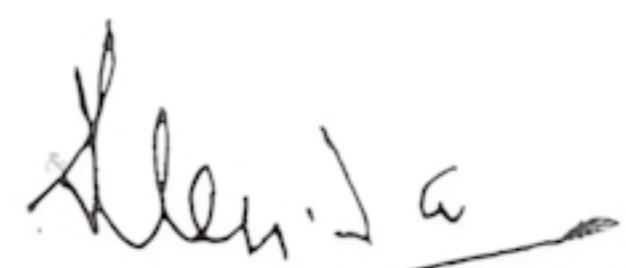
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- (b) Old inhabitants and their descendants settled in these islands prior to 1942.
 - (c) Settler and their descendants.
 - (d) Persons who came to these islands before the cut-off date of 9.3.1993 and have completed continuous 15 years of stay on 9.3.1993 in these islands as provided under Rule 170(ii) of the A&N Islands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Rules, 1968.
 - (e) Persons who have been residing in these islands on or before 7th May 2002.
- (ii) **"Residents"** for the purpose of this order means and includes: -
- (a) Employees of the A&N Administration and its undertakings.
 - (b) Employees of the Central Government and its undertakings posted in the A&N Islands.
 - (c) Spouse, children, dependent parents and other dependent family members of the person mentioned at 2(a) & (b) above.
 - (d) A person who is residing in these islands on long term basis for self education or for the educational purpose of his/her children or is self-employed or is employed and has a ration card or a telephone connection or an electric connection or a gas connection in his/her own name or having his/her name registered in the electoral roll as a voter for the constituency of these islands under Section 19 of the Representation of People Act, 1950.
3. A person seeking the concessional rate of passenger fare shall be required to furnish any of the following documentary proof to the Ticket Issuing Authority: -
- (i) Islander Identity Card issued by the A&N Administration,
 - (ii) Photo Identity Card or a certificate issued by the concerned department of Central Government/ Government Undertaking A&N Administration alongwith attested photograph of the person.
 - (iii) A certificate issued by the competent revenue authority not below the rank of Tehsildar alongwith an attested photograph of the person stating that the person is residing in these Islands bona fide in terms of explanation in para 2(ii)(d) above.

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4. **'Ticket Issuing Authority'** means the Director of Shipping Services or Shipping Corporation of India Ltd or any other authority as specified by the A&N Administration.
5. This order shall come into force with immediate effect.

By order and in the name of Lieutenant Governor.


ASSISTANT SECRETARY (SHIPPING)

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Copy for favour of information and necessary action to: -

1. All Secretaries, A&N Administration,
2. All Heads of the Departments/Offices, A&N Administration.
3. All Central Government Offices Stationed in A&N Islands.
4. All Sections in Secretariat, A&N Administration.
5. The Commanding-in Chief, A&N Command, Port Blair.
6. The Chief Engineer, MES, Port Blair.
7. The Resident Commissioner, A&N Administration, Plot No.12, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-21.
8. The Dy. Resident Commissioner, A&N Administration, North Main Road Extention, Anna Nagar West, Padi Village, Chennai-600010.
9. The Dy. Resident Commissioner, A&N Administration, Salt Lake, Near Neco Park, Kolkata.
10. The Regional Manager, SCI Ltd., 13 Strand Road Kolkata.
11. M/s AV Bhanoji Row Garuda Pattabhi Ramayya & Co. Ltd., Visakhapatnam.
12. The Chairman & Managing Director, SCI Ltd., 245 Madame Cama Road, Mumbai.
13. The Director, IP&T, A&N Administration with the request to give wide publicity to the above order.
14. The Hindi Officer, A&N Administration, Port Blair for necessary action.
15. The Director of Shipping Services, A&N Islands, Port Blair.
16. The Deputy General Manager, SCI Ltd., Port Blair.
17. The Assistant Director (SS), A&N Administration, Port Administrative Building, Opp. Custom Office, Rajaji Salai, Chennai - 1.
18. The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Shipping, New Delhi.
19. The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
20. The Director General (Shipping), Walchand Hirachand Marg, Mumbai.
21. The Secretary, Indian Coastal Conference, Mumbai.


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