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Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110003.

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ORDER

In pursuance of the meeting taken by Special Secretary (Home) on 2nd September, 2005, it has been decided to constitute a **Scientific Expert Committee** to go into the report of Sh. Shekhar Singh on the 'Status of Forest and other Allied Matters in Andaman and Nicobar Islands'.

2. The said committee will comprise of the following members:

1. Prof. C.R. Babu Chairman
Professor Emeritus
Centre for Environmental Management of
Degraded Ecosystems (CEMDE),
School of Environmental Studies,
University of Delhi, Delhi-110007
2. Prof. P.C. Kesavan Member
DAE- Homi Bhabha Chair & Distinguished Fellow,
MS Swaminathan Research Foundation,
Third Cross Street, Taramani Institutional Area,
Taramani, Cennai-600113
3. Shri S. Kondas Member
Formerly Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
2, Jayammal Street, Shenoy Nagar,
Chennai-600030.
4. Prof. K. V. Raju Member
Prof. and Head,
Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR),
Institute of Social and Economic Change,
Bangalore
5. Shri Vijay S. Sahay Member
Department of Anthropology and Sociology,
Allahabad University,

3. The terms of reference of the Committee will be as follows:
- (i) To study the Hon'ble Supreme Court orders on the environmental issues related to forestry and wildlife in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and the recommendations of the Shekhar Singh Commission in detail and to identify the aspects which are consistent with the sustainable development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and the extent to which the Supreme Court Order might act as a serious deterrent to these activities without commensurate environmental and social benefits.
 - (ii) To evaluate the Shekhar Singh Committee's recommendations from the stand point of natural science, environmental economics, cultural anthropology and forestry principles.
 - (iii) To recommend good practices for environmental protection in Andaman & Nicobar Islands while not unnecessarily impeding their sustainable development.
 - (iv) To identify issues which should be brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Supreme Court by filing a review petition, if necessary. The post-tsunami and earthquake impact may also be looked into in this context.
4. The meetings of the Committee will be held normally at Delhi, but, in exceptional cases, these may be held outside with the prior approval of the Ministry.
5. Any other expert in related fields may be co-opted as a member of the Committee (as a co-opted member) provided that a need for such an expert is felt by the Committee.
6. The Committee shall submit its report within a period of four months.
7. TA/DA and sitting fee etc. will be paid to the non-official members of the Committee as admissible under rules.
8. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

(Dr. Bipin Behari)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests