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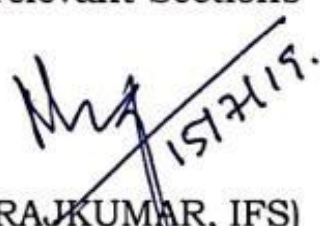
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***Port Blair dated the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2019***

**PRESS NOTE**

A huge quantity of imported sawn timber consisting of 2909 pieces measuring 22.77 cbm. which was imported from Chennai by M/s.Sea Shell Hotels & Resorts, Port Blair under the cover of fake and forged Transit Pass was seized by Range Officer, Garacharma at Haddo Wharf on 12.07.2019 and a case has been booked against the proprietor of the firm for violation of provision under Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forest produce Transit Rules, 1966.

The firm M/s. Sea Shells Hotels & Resorts submitted an application in the office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Territorial Circle, Van Sadan for obtaining permission for import of sawn timber from Chennai to Neil Island. On verification of the documents submitted by the firm, it was revealed that the document is fake. The Tamilnadu State Forest Department, Chennai has also confirmed that documents submitted by the firm was a counterfeited document. The firm intended to transport the imported sawn timber under the cover of forged and fake document and hence a complaint has also been lodged in the Police Station, Chatham against the proprietor of M/s. Sea Shells Hotels & Resorts to book a case under the relevant Sections of IPC for cheating and forgery.

  
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