

प्रभागीय वन अधिकारी का कार्यालय

दक्षिण अण्डमान, विम्बर्लीगंज

**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER
SOUTH ANDAMAN, WIMBERLYGUNJ**

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No. 4-6/TIM/MG/ 749

Date : 05.09.2019

**Rejoinder to News appeared in the online version of the newspaper  
"Andaman Chronicle" dated 05.09.2019.**

This pertains to the news item appeared in the online version of Newspaper 'Andaman Chronicle' dated 05.09.2019 regarding the alleged negligency on the part of Forest officials in dealing with removal of dangerous trees standing in the allotted land of Shri P.Abdul Rahim, R/o.Mannarghat. In the above context, it is to inform that the allegations made against the Forest officials are totally false, baseless and far from facts. Shri P.Abdul Rahim, S/o.P.Abdulla, R/o. Mannarghat, during the year 2017, had approached this office for removal of two Nos. padauk trees standing in his allotted land at Mannarghat. As in the instant case, the authority competent to issue orders for removal of such tree was the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, South Andaman, he was immediately advised to approach the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, South Andaman for doing needful in the matter vide this office letter No.4-6/TIM/MG/Vol-VII/220 dated 09.05.2017. Thereafter a letter was received from the SDM, South Andaman directing the Range Officer and the Area Patwari, Mannarghat to conduct field inspection and submit report on the matter vide letter No.7-1/133/Cr.PC/SDM/2017/1260 dated 14.06.2017. The Range officer, Mannarghat after conducting necessary field inspection submitted his report directly to the SDM, South Andaman vide his letter No.RO/MG/4-1/Tim/C/575 dated 19.08.2017. In this regard, all necessary action has been taken with due responsibility and no further action is pending in this regard by this Department. Such false information leads to public unrest which may be avoided in future.

Hence, being a responsible media, it would be highly appreciable if the above facts are published after necessary rectification.



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To

The Editor,  
Andaman Chronicle,  
Port Blair.

Copy to :-

1. The News Editor, AIR/ DD, Port Blair with the request to broadcast/ telecast the same in their respective local news bulletin.
2. The Director, FTI, Wimberlygunj for publishing the press note in the quarterly newsletter "Aranyak".
3. The PA to DFO(SA) for uploading the "Press Note" in the web portal of DI&P.