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Port Blair dated 16 January, 2023

ORDER NO.....159.....

It has come to the notice that some tourists while on a visit to "Natural Bridge" at Laxmanpur-II, Shaheed Dweep walk on corals & protected marine biodiversity due to lack of information and knowledge. The coral reef & coastal ecosystem is fragile in nature, therefore, it need to be protected & conserved.

In view of this, it has been decided that tourists visiting "Natural Bridge" Laxmanpur-II shall compulsorily take the services of certified "Tourist Guide" to properly guide visitors/tourists with Do's & Dont's etc. This step has been taken to conserve and protect the fragile ecosystem at this unique terrain.

The visiting tourists/visitors/general public is therefore requested to abide by the instructions/directions of authorities and co-operate and also to be part of the conservation of marine ecosystem.

The prescribed fee for certified tourists guides are as under for visiting Natural Bridge, Laxmanpur-II, Shaheed Dweep:-

No. of tourists	Guide fee	Time required for guiding	Locations
Tourists 1-10	Rs 500/-	½ an hour	Point 1
Tourists 1-10	Rs 1000/-	1 hour	Point 2
Tourists 1-10	Rs 1500/-	1½ hour to 2 hours	Point 3

This issue has the approval of the competent authority.

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Director(IP&T)

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Copy to:-

1. Sr. PS to Chief Secretary for kind information of Chief Secretary.
2. Sr. PS to PCCF (ANI), Dept. of Environment & Forest, Vansadan, Port Blair for kind information of PCCF(ANI).
3. PS to Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IP&T) for kind information of Commissioner-cum-Secretary(IP&T).
4. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District for information.
5. PA to Secretary(IP&T) for kind information of Secretary(IP&T)
6. The Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District for kind information.
7. The DFO, Swaraj Dweep for information and necessary action.
8. The Range Officer/Camp Officer, Forest Dept. Shaheed Dweep with the request to sensitize the certified tourist guides about fragile marine biodiversity and coastal ecosystem. It is also requested to carry out an awareness programme in this regard with do's and don't's etc.
9. The SHO, Shaheed Dweep for information and necessary action.
10. The Gram Pradhan & Panchayat Secretary, Shaheed Dweep for information.
11. The Sr. Manager(Project), Manager(OP), Manager(T), Manager(S&L), AM(HQ), Dte. of IP&T for information.
12. All Tours and Travel Operators Associations for information.
13. All Boat Operators Associations for information.
14. All Water Sports Operators Association for information.
15. Tourist Guide Association at Shaheed Dweep for information and necessary action (Through I/c Hawa Bill Nest, Shaheed Dweep).
16. In-charge, Hawabill Nest, Shaheed Dweep for information and necessary action.
17. The Beach Officers, Shaheed Dweep for information and necessary action.

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The In-charge, I.T. Section, DPT for uploading on departmental website.

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