

## UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE COLLECTORATE KAVARATTI – 682555

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## ORDER

Sub: Revision of Heritage Fee on Entry Permits to Lakshadweep Islands.

Whereas, the Lakshadweep Islands, consisting of a group of 27 islands, are located in the Arabian Sea and are geographically of a very small size, the ecological balance of the Islands is delicate and fragile. The unique environment and pristine ecology of these Islands are highly susceptible to the adverse effects of waste management, disposal, and general environmental degradation. Given the Union Territory's obligation to maintain the ecological health of these islands, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration faces considerable challenges in preserving the balance of nature amidst rising pressures from human activity including Tourism.

- And whereas, to address these challenges, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration levies a Heritage Fee on every applicant for Entry Permit, who wishes to visit Lakshadweep Islands. This Heritage Fee is intended to support measures for sanitation, waste management, and other measures aimed at maintaining the ecological integrity and overall cleanliness of the Lakshadweep Islands, thereby ensuring the long-term sustainability of the environment.
- Now, therefore, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration fixes the Heritage Fee at Rs. 200 per applicant per day for the entire duration for which the Entry Permit is applied for. This shall come into force with immediate effect.
- 4. Further, the amount so collected shall be deposited in the same account as was been done before and shall be used for the same purpose, in the same manner as was been done before.

This order is issued with the approval of Competent Authority, in the interest of 5. preserving the environmental and ecological heritage of the Lakshadweep Islands.

(SHIVANI CHANDRA, IAS.,)

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