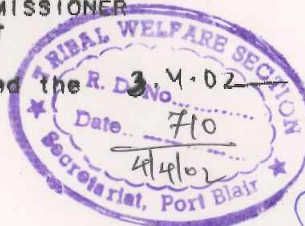


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 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
 NICOBARS DISTRICT

 Car Nicobar, dated the 3.4.02



To

The Research Officer,
 Directorate of Tribal Welfare,
 A & N Administration,
 Port Blair.

Sub : Excise Policy in Tribal areas - regarding :-

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No.1-562/91-TW dated 21/3/2002 alongwith the copy of letter No.12022/1/2000-TDB dt. 27/3/2002 of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs (TDB Desk), Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi on the subject cited above. In this connection I am directed to furnish the comments of this office as under :-

- (i) Commercial vending of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited in the tribal areas of Nicobars District.
 - (ii) The tribals of Nicobars District brew their traditional beverage (Todi) for consumption at their homes and on religious and social occasions.
 - (iii) Pamphlets, posters and slogans are displayed by the concerned Departments for the awareness of the tribals to discontinue the habit of drinking. Tribal Councils, Tribal leaders and Social Welfare Board are being asked to work for the general awareness of the tribals depicting the evils of drinking and to keep them away from this Social evil in coordination with other departments.
2. Guidelines on the excise policy in the tribal areas are strictly followed and implemented in tribal areas to save the tribals from the clutches of the vendors of alcoholic beverages. Authorities are keeping utmost vigilance to prevent illegal sale of illicit liquor and IMFL in tribal areas. Commercial vending of liquor is not allowed even in tribal areas with urban characteristics.
 3. The Tribal Councils, Social Welfare Advisory Board, Mahila Mandals in coordination with Health Department, ICDS, CD Block and Police Departments may organise anti-liquor campaigns in the tribal areas for the general awareness of the tribals. They are being requested to organise the campaigns.