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Further, we may ascertain from the Assistant Secretary (Excise), A & N Administration, whether any Voluntary organisations have been encouraged to take up work in the tribal areas to wean the STs away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages. If so, the details thereof may be furmished to enable us to apprise posittion to the Govt. of India.

Director (TW)

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May kindly peruse the note from para 22/N enwards. This is regarding implementation of excise policy in the tribal areas.

No liquer shep is opened, not its any commercial vending of liquor allowed in the tribal areas of these Islands. Further, our tribals do not brew any traditional liquer for their consumption. Instead they tap toddy from the cocomit trees which is their traditional drinks. As such the excise policy laid down by the Govt. of India as mentioned in the PUC is fully implemented in this UT. Accordingly we may inform the GOI if approved

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