

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Welfare vide PUC has sent a copy of guidelines relating to Excise Policy in tribal areas in response to this Admn's Signal at Page. 3/c. The Govt has further desired this Admn. to intimate the present position regarding implementation of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Welfare.

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In this connection, it may be mentioned that a regulation called "A & N Islands - (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) regulation, 1956 is in force in this UT to safeguard the interest of the tribals. The sale of ~~distilled~~ liquor (~~Indian made foreign liquor~~) is not allowed in the tribal areas. However, the tribals are allowed to tap toddy their traditional drink from the coconut trees.

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further, it may be mentioned that the Excise rules etc. are being dealt by the Home & Revenue Section of the Secretariat. Therefore, we may ascertain from that Section whether any Excise Policy for the tribals has been made. If so, the same may be made available to ~~fast~~ assess the whether the guidelines

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