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Member of Home Ministry
Advisory Committee



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CarNicobar - 744 301
A & N Islands.

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Shri. Ramesh Narayanaswami,
Chief Secretary,
Andaman & Nicobar Administration,
PORT BLAIR - 744 101.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a letter dt.29/11/99 from Shri.CVS. Rama Rao, Secretary(GA) wherein I have been requested to send to you some suggestions of items before 7th Dec.'99 for the ensuing Home Minister's Advisory Committee Meeting likely by end of Dec.'99.

I therefore submit as follows :

- (1) RECOGNITION OF THE NICOBARESE TRIBAL COUNCIL : The Tribal Councils in the Nicobars District have been working wonderfully to keep the people safe and intact with their Tribal Culture and traditions except for the outside interference's. Which need to be checked if harmonious living in these Islands is to be ensured. The Councils are :
- (a) NICOBARS DISTRICT TRIBAL COUNCIL : There are two Tribal communities in the Nicobar group of Islands known as the Nicobarese Tribal and the Shompen community. All Islands in the Nicobar District belong to the Tribal inhabitants who have been on the Islands for centuries. All Islands are represented by either the nominated representatives in the Nicobar District Tribal Council (NDTC).
- (b) ISLAND COUNCIL : Island like Carnicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal, Nancowry, Philomolo and Campbell Bay has their own respective council known as the Island Council, for example Carnicobar Island Council (known as the Tribal Council Carnicobar).
- (c) VILLAGE COUNCIL : There are number of Village Councils in every Island of the district. They are Headed by the duly elected village Headmen for a term of four years. Like an Island consists of villages so a village consists of tuhets with their inheritance Heads and Members. All Head of tuhets are automatically be the members of a village council out of whom the candidates are usually chosen as per the bye laws of a village Headmen Election.

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