

Ref: Office notes at paras 27-31/n above.

(32) There was a draft Tribal Council Regulation to formalise the traditional tribal councils of the Nicobarese functioning in Nicobars. The draft regulation was referred to the tribal council, Car-Nicobar through the DC, Nicobars to ascertain their views on the system proposed, but the tribals did not come forward with their views on the draft regulation. The relevant papers on the subject may be connected and put up.

(33) With regard to allotment of additional land to the Nicobarese settled at Harminder Bay, we may find out from DC, Andamans whether the land released by the defence has been allotted to the Nicobarese of Harminder Bay and if not, the reasons thereof.

(34) Perhaps we have to open a separate file on HMAAC instead of clubbing the subject with IDA matters.

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(35) with reference to Ro (W)'s observation at para. 32-34 W, the draft regulation was referred to DC (W) to furnish the views of the representatives of the tribal people on the draft Tribal Council Regulation vide our letter dt. 9.8.96 at page 20 ^{of main file.} A copy of the draft Tribal Regulation