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THE OTHER HAND, THE NEW DRAFT REGULATION IS CERTAINLY GOING TO INFUSE THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY THROUGH VOTE POWER AND EXISTING LEADERSHIP WOULD NATURALLY ABHOR THE IDEA OF SUCH DEMOCRACY FROM FEAR OF LOOSING THEIR TRADITIONAL POWER AND INFLUENCE OVER THEIR OWN SOCIETY (.) BECAUSE OF THEIR TRADITIONAL SET UP AND PRESENT AGRARIAN SYSTEM, TRIBAL LEADERS ATLEAST WOULD NOT LIKE THE NEW SYSTEM PROPOSED IN THE DRAFT REGULATION (.) IT IS THEREFORE NOT SURPRISING THAT DRAFT REGULATION IS UNACCEPTABLE TO TRIBALS (.) PARA (.) HOWEVER IT IS HIGH TIME THAT A TRANSPARENT DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS BROUGHT INTO FORCE IN THE TRIBAL AREA WHEREIN ORDINARY TRIBAL GETS FULL SCOPE FOR HIS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUNG LEADERS COME TO THE FORE TO DECIDE THEIR DESTINY INSTEAD OF HIGHLY CONSERVATIVE AND REGRESSIVE CAPTAINS (.) IT IS CLAIMED BY THE TRIBALS CAPTAINS THAT THEY HAVE A SYSTEM OF ELECTION FOR CAPTAINS (.) SUCH SYSTEM PRESENTLY LACKS THE TRANSPARENCY AND FREEDOM TO CONTEST THE ELECTION DUE TO SOCIAL INERTIAL PRESSURES (.) THERE IS NO CONVAISSING (.) AS A RESULT EXCEPT IN A VERY RARE CASE, SAME SET OF PEOPLE REMAIN CAPTAINS OVER THE YEARS (.)

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