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Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, Member of HMAc, has suggested the following agenda items to be discuss at the first meeting of the HMAc to be held shortly (.) Quote (.) (1) Recognition of the Nicobarese Tribal Council : The Tribal Council 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 needs 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 inhabitant 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 Car-Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa, Katchal, Nancowry, Pilomilo and Campbell Bay has their own respective council known as the islands council, for example Car-Nicobar Island Council (known as the Tribal Council Car-Nicobar) (.) (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 term of four years. Like an island consists of villages so a village consists of tuhets with their inheritance head and members. All head of tuhets are automatically by the members of a village council out of whom the candidates are usually chosen as per the by laws of a village headmen election (.) (d) Tuhet : Family or families including the adopted persons of a tuhet's head who inherits the tuhet's land, coconut

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