

(38) May please peruse the notes from para 27/n onwards. It is regarding agenda items suggested by Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, Member of HMAc for the first meeting of HMAc to be held shortly. The administration ask this department to furnish action taken note/comments on the following agenda points.

(1) Recognition of Nicobarese Tribal Council :

(39) The Administration had earlier formulated a draft Tribal Council Regulation for A & N Islands at the instance of the GOI vide their fax message No. U-13034/22/95-ANL dated 17th August 1985 at page 36/c so as to ensure tribal participation in the administrative development of their area. The draft regulation was referred to DC, Nicobars to ascertain the views of the tribal leaders, but the tribal leaders did not come forward with their views. Consequently the draft regulation is still pending.

(40) Now in the wake of the agenda point regarding recognition of the Nicobarese Tribal Council suggested by Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, Member of HMAc, the draft Tribal Council Regulation may be revived and the tribal leaders may be asked through the DC, Nicobars to give their views on the draft Tribal Council Regulation so that the same could be discussed at the meeting of the HMAc.

(2) INFLUX :

(41) The whole Nicobars District is designated as reserved area (tribal area) under the A & N Island (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956. Further as per a Notification issued by the Administration, entry of non-tribals into the reserved area is prohibited except on the authority of pass granted by the respective Deputy Commissioner. The tribal pass is issued for specific purpose and period. So no non-tribal can stay in the reserved area beyond the period specified in the tribal pass. However, the comments of the DC, Nicobars on the issue of influx of non-tribals into the tribal area of Nicobars District may be called for, if approved.

(3) Allotment of Additional land to the Nicobarese settlers at Harminder Bay (Little Andaman) :

(42) Initially 500 acres land released from the reserved forest have been allotted to 165 Nicobarese families from Car-Nicobar settled at Harminder Bay. They have been demanding allotment of additional land so as to be at par with the settlers settled under various rehabilitation schemes of the Govt. The settlers settled under different rehabilitation schemes have been allotted 5 acres paddy and 5 acres hilly land each. Taking into account the demand