

TRIBAL COUNCIL

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CAR NICOBAR - 744 301

(ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS)

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SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
Government of India,
Prime Minister's Office,
North Block, NEW DELHI.

Sub TRIBALS OF NICOBAR DISTRICT AND ITS PROBLEMS-Reg

Hon'ble Sir,

We are grateful to you for the opportunity given to us and since we are with you we would like to give you a very brief note for the development of our tribals and present difficulties we are facing :

- 1) AUTONOMOUS COUNCIL : As given in the North-Eastern States in India we should also be provided with Autonomous Tribal Council with Three Tier Systems of village and district level with necessary powers to build our future.
- 2) COMMUNICATION PROBLEM : The Communication in the inter-islands consisting of 17 islands has deteriorated badly and become very difficult for the tribals to move about needs looking into immediately.
- 3) ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES : The Agricultural produces, viz Copra and Betelnut, price have gone down very heavily. Local Administration should be empowered to purchase our agricultural produces at the support price as it is done in Kerala.
- 4) EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS : Nicobaree language, which is in Roman script needs promotion along with Hindi and to promote integration via-media/interpretation has to be worked out by introducing English also at lower level education.

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