

Ref: Paras 38-43/n on pages 12-13/n.

We had referred the agenda items suggested by Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain, Member, HMAc, for the first meeting of HMAc vide this office signal dated 25.1.2000 at pages 46-47/c. In reply to the above signal, the DC, Nicobars vide his signal dated 29.1.2000 at page 52/c has furnished the comments on the agenda points concerning him. However, the DC, Andamans is yet to furnish his comments on the agenda point relating to allotment of additional land to the Nicobarese settled at Harminder Bay.

The comments of the DC, Nicobars on the following agenda points are discussed as under :

1. Recognition of the Nicobarese Tribal Council :

The draft Tribal Council Regulation, which was formulated by the Administration and referred to the tribal council, Car-Nicobar to ascertain their opinion, is stated to have been rejected outrightly by the tribal leaders as its provisions are not compatible with the traditional tribal councils of the Nicobarese. However, the DC, Nicobars has formulated another draft tribal council regulation for Nicobars on the pattern of the Tripura autonomous district council rules and regulation and referred to the Tribal Council, Car-Nicobar to ascertain their opinion. We may call for a copy of the new draft Tribal Council Regulation from DC, Nicobars for reference, if approved.

2. Influx :

Entry of non-tribal into the tribal areas of Nicobars is regulated by a pass granted by the Dy. Commission, Andamans under the provision of the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Rules 1957. So there is no question of influx of the non-tribals into the tribal area. However, the following categories of non-tribals viz. Govt. servants of different department, labourers brought in for by GREF, APWD, ALHW etc., shopkeepers are inhabiting the tribal area.

We may send a DO reminder to DC, Andamans to expedite his comments on agenda items No: 3, i.e., allotment of additional land to the Nicobarese settled at Harminder Bay. A wireless message to DC, Nicobars and a DO letter to DC, Andamans are placed opposite for approval please.

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