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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE  
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Port Blair, dated the 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2001.

To

The Secretary (GA)  
A & N Administration,  
Port Blair.

**Sub: Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 on follow-up action in respect of HMAc meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2001 at Raj Niwas, Port Blair.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your UO note dated 1st June, 2001 regarding the above mentioned subject and to state that point No. 11, i.e., 'More autonomy to Tribal Council' raised by Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, Ex-MP, A & N Islands relates to the Tribal Welfare Department. In this connection it is stated that there are traditional Tribal Councils at village level and island level formed by the Nicobarese themselves in Nicobar District and they are fully independent. However, with a view to formulize the functions of the Tribal Councils, the Tribal Council Regulation on the pattern of Tripura Autonomous District Tribal Council is proposed to be introduced for Nicobars District. Accordingly a draft Tribal Council Regulation has been formulated and referred to the Chief Captain, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar by Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District in Nov., 2000 for its opinion, but no response has yet been received. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District is being requested again to pursue with the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar to expedite its opinion on the draft Tribal Council Regulation.

This issues with the approval of the Secretary (TW).

Yours Faithfully,

Research Officer (TW)  
For Director (TW)  
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Copy to:

1. PA to Secretary (TW), A & N Administration for information.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District, Car Nicobar with the request to kindly pursue with the Chief Captain, Tribal Council, Car-Nicobar to expedite his opinion on the draft Tribal Council Regulation at the earliest. This has reference to his letter No. 1-189/Estt/DC (N)/99 dated 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2001.

Research Officer (TW)