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The draft tribal council regulation has been attempted and the same forwarded to the tribal leaders of Nicobars to get their views. The Admn. is in the process of holding consultation with the tribals in this regard. Panchayat regulation and seek to provide a three tier structure of tribal council at village level, Island level and district level with direct transparent elections, reservation for women and formulating powers and function of the councils.

The tribal leaders are studying the proposals in detail and have requested for some time to process is tedious and time consuming as tribal leadership is diffused and scattered over a number of Islands and the logistics of getting them together is time consuming.

It however appears the Tribals of Nicobar group are more interested in an autonomous Tribal Council under Sixth Schedule of Constitution rather than in a Regulation on the pattern of Panchayati Regulation. As decided in Sixth Standing Committee meeting of IDA on 20-12-96 proposal for Autonomous District Council is to be discussed in the next IDA Meeting.