

No. 1-505/98-TW/ 8014 ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION Department of Tribal Welfare

Port Blair, dated the 27 Sep., 2001.

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District, Car Nicobar

Sub: Xth IDA meeting scheduled to be held on 2.11.2001 at New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to reproduce below agenda – 6: "Autonomous Tribal Council for Nicobar Island" and action taken report prepared by the Administration.

Details of Agenda Item

Shri Bhakta was of the view that an Autonomous Council should be established in Nicobar District. The Home Secretary clarified that a constitutional amendment is needed for setting up of an Autonomous Council under the sixth schedule of the Constitution. However, it could be examined if a council could be set up as has been done in the case of Jharkhand and Darjeeling. The Prime Minister directed that a decision on this should be taken very early

Action Taken Report prepared by Administration

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. reservations for women formulising powers and function of the councils.

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