

The tribals leaders are studying the proposals in details 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.

The above action taken report is required to be updated for the next IDA meeting and submitted to the Admn. latest by 28th September, 2001. You are therefore requested to kindly look into the matter and send updated Action-taken report to this Office immediately by Fax.

Yours Faithfully,

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27.9.2001

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