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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, the 16th October, 1997

To

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

Sub : Examination of Implication of Panchayat (Extension of
Scheduled Areas) Act 1996.

Sir,

Please refer to the note dated 9.7.97 regarding the subject mentioned above. On examination of the Panchayat (Extension of Scheduled Areas) Act 1996, it is found that the provisions of the said Act would not be *prima-facie* applicable to Andaman & Nicobar Islands since this Union Territory / part thereof has not been included in the Scheduled Areas as contained in the Part 9 of the Constitution of India.

However, a Tribal Council Regulation for Nicobars has been drafted and sent to the Deputy Commissioners, Nicobars, to obtain the views of the Tribal people. As per the report of the DC, Nicobars the tribal people have not yet firmed up their views on the draft Regulation.

(N.C.Ray)
Secretary (Tribal Welfare)
(Comp.File : Estt-497)