

No.3-28/97-PR
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION,
SECRETARIAT.

Port Blair, dated the 30th January, 2002.

To

Shri T.S.Rautela,
Desk Officer (ANL),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

Sub: Providing 3 tier Panchayati Raj Institutions in the Tribal district of Car Nicobar - reg.

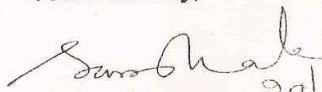
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry's letter No.U-13025/37/2001-ANL dated 31st December, 2001 forwarding therewith a copy of letter No.A-2/BJP/PB/2001/4996 dated 24.11.2001 from Shri H.N.Arora, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands addressed to the Hon'ble Home Minister on the above subject and to say that the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 extends to the whole of the Union Territory of A & N Islands except the areas included in the Municipality under the provisions of the A & N Islands (Municipal Boards) Regulation, 1957 (now the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Municipal) Regulation, 1994) and the areas notified before the commencement of A & N Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994, as reserved areas under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes), Regulation, 1956.

The provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 applies to the Scheduled areas as referred to in clause (1) of article 244 of the Constitution. The A & N Islands have not been declared as Scheduled areas under part C of the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution and as such the provisions of the above Act are not applicable in this Union Territory.

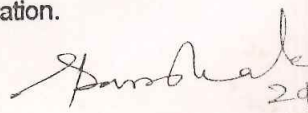
However, a draft Tribal Council Regulation has been forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner Nicobar to ascertain the views of existing Tribal Council and leaders for comments which is awaited. The matter has been taken up with Tribal Welfare Department and Deputy Commissioner (Nicobar) and further progress will be intimated on receipt.

Yours faithfully,


(Sasikala Viswanathan) 29/01/02
Assistant Secretary (Panchayats)

Copy to:

The Director of Tribal Welfare, A&N Islands for information.


29/01/02
Assistant Secretary (Panchayats)

