PUC is a letter dated 31.10.98 received from the Director of Social Welfare regarding nomination of a tribal leader as a member on the state executive committee constituted for protecting the rights and providing equal opportunities for the persons with disabilities.

As per the Administration's Notification dated 11.5.98 at pages 6-7/C, the tribal leader is to be nominated as member of the executive committee, but no tribal leader has been nominated so far as our knowledge goes. Therefore, we may call for a name of tribal leader along with his particulars from among the Nicobarese from DC (N).

It is, however, pointed out that the tribal leader proposed to be nominated will be required to attend the meeting of the executive committee when held from Car Nicobar. As this will involve a considerable expenditure towards his to and fro journeys from Car-Nicobar to Port Blair, we may have to pay TA/DA for attending the meeting of the committee. We may clarify from Director (SW) if there is any such provision under the Act. If not the same may be provided now. A signal to DC (N) with an endorsement to the Director of Social Welfare is placed below for perusal and approval please.

> Research Officer (TW) (Comp. File TO L-79)