

(100) According to the modifications suggested by the Govt. of India the amendment to section -8 of the Regulation was drafted and sent to AS (Law) vide the office letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 99 at page 86/C. The Law Department, in turn, sent the above amendment notification to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide their letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> Aug., 99 at page 87/C. GOT

(101) Even though the PAT Regulation is not a law aimed at removing social evils, it is all the same necessary to prescribe minimum punishment, both imprisonment and fine under the PAT Regulation so as to have deterrent effect on the offenders. While sending the draft amendment notification, the attention of the Govt. of India has not been drawn to the proposed amendment having been approved by the expert group constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs. So we could write back to the Govt. of India inviting their attention to the draft amendment having been accepted by the expert group so as to enable them to take a decision in terms of the recommendation of the expert group.

(102) The existing penal provision of the Regulation is also cognizable under Criminal Procedure Court (CPC) and the Police is competent to arrest the offenders.

(103) The information with regard to number of cases booked during the last 10 years and punishment awarded year-wise called for from IGP is yet to be received vide this Administration's letter No. 1-467/97-TW/65 dated 19/01/2001 and subsequent reminder letter 21/02/2001 at page 88-89/C.

(104) If approved, we may send a self contained note on above issues to the Administration for Hon'ble Home Minister.

Submitted please.

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Discussed with RO (TW).

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(105) With regard to Constitution of Island Tribal Council on the pattern of autonomous District Tribal Council of Tripura, it may be mentioned that the DC (N)'s vide his signal dt. 29-1-2000 at Page 54/c has informed that the Draft Tribal Regulation Council has been outrightly rejected by the Tribal Leaders as its contents are mostly alien to the traditional system.