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PUC is a letter dated 21.9.2001 at page 130/c from the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IDA), A & N Administration addressed among others Secretary (TW), A & N Administration forward therewith a copy of status/action taken report on the recommendation of the IXth IDA meeting. We are asked to update the report and return to the Commissioner-cum-Secretary by 28.9.2001 positively as the same is required for the proposed Xth IDA meeting scheduled to be held on 2.11.2001 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IDA) vide his letter dated 21.9.2001 at page 132/c has requested this department to furnish necessary agenda item (S) with explanatory note proposed to be included in the agenda for the ensuing IDA meeting by 28.9.2001.

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The agenda point No. 6, i.e., autonomous Tribal Council for Nicobar Islands raised by Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, Ex-MP, A & N Islands relates to Tribal Welfare Department. In this connection it is stated that there are traditional Tribal Councils at village level and Island level formed by Nicobarese themselves in Nicobar District and they are fully independent. However, with a view to formulize the functions of Tribal Councils, the Tribal Council Regulation on the pattern of Tripura Autonomous District Tribal Council was proposed to be introduced for Nicobars District. Accordingly a draft Tribal Council Regulation was formulated and referred to the Chief Captain, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar by Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District in November, 2000 for its opinion. The D.C, Nicobars has been requested time and again to look into the matter and expedite the comments of the Tribal Council vide our letter dated 7.9.2001 at page 129/c but no response has yet been received.

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At present there is no other proposal for agenda for ensuing IDA meeting scheduled to be held on 28.9.2001 at New Delhi.

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If approved, we may send a reply to the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IDA) along the above lines. Meanwhile, we may request DC, Nicobar to pursue the matter with the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar and to expedite its opinion on the draft Tribal Council Regulation.