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Discussed with Director (Tribal Welfare). It is regarding extending Panchayati Raj System to the tribal areas of Nicobars. The issue has been examined vide notes at paras 135-141/N whether the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act 1996 is applicable to the tribal areas of this UT and found that it is not applicable as the tribal areas of the UT have not been declared as scheduled areas under the constitution. However, there is a proposal to form Autonomous District Council for Nicobars, for which a draft Act has been formulated and refereed to Tribal Council Car Nicoabr to ascertain their opinion. Accordingly we may sent a reply to Shri Samir Acharya, if approved. A draft reply is put up for approval please.

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