

Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) (Amendment) Regulation.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 is the basic law intending to protect the interest of the aboriginal tribes in these Islands. There are six aboriginal tribes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands at present. These tribes have different socio- economic conditions and are still vulnerable for the exploitation by the non-tribals.

The Administration had sent a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India in 1991 suggesting for enhancement in the Penal provision of the above said Regulation since the penalties provided in the Regulation way back in 1956 did not have a deterrent effect on the unscrupulous elements among the so-called civilized society.

Subsequently, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India had sought clarification in the light of the observations of the Expert Committee of the Ministry. Accordingly, the revised proposal for the amendment was sent to Ministry of Home Affairs vide letter No.1-146/2001-TW/1174 dated 28th November 2002. Copy of the letter alongwith draft amendment already sent to the Ministry is enclosed.