

Tribal Council in Nicobars District - Demands of Nicobarese put forth before Study Group I of Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs & STs during its visit from 1st to 5th February, 1995.

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With reference to letter No.1-450/95-TW dated 23rd May, 1995 of Director(TW) regarding the demands of Nicobarese put forth before Study Group I of Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes, itemwise comments are furnished as under:-

1. Recognition to be given to Tribal Council by the Government :

There are following Six Tribal Councils and not the one Tribal Council in Nicobars District:-

- (i) Tribal Council, Car Nicobar Island.
- (ii) Tribal Council, Chowra Island.
- (iii) Tribal Council, Teressa Island.
- (iv) Tribal Council, Katchal Island.
- (v) Tribal Council, Nancowrie Island.
- (vi) Tribal Council, Pullobhabhi, Great Nicobar Island.

The above Tribal Councils are deemed as Traditional Local Self-Government Bodies for the purpose of implementation of Schemes under Rural Development like JRY etc. The funds under JRY are released to the aforesaid Tribal Councils on the basis of the population in accordance with the JRY Guidelines in similar way as it is being done in cases of Gram Panchayats.