

- (2) VPT will be treated as a local subscriber of the concerned exchange though it is linked by long distance medium.
- (3) Presently a concession of 50% is applicable to ~~change~~ for local & Trunk calls made from VPT.

6. Recognition may be given to the Tribal Council by Government:

There are six Tribal councils in Nicobars Districts as follows:

- (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, Fullehabhi, Great Nicobar Island.

These Tribal Councils are ~~deemed as~~ <sup>deemed to be</sup> 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 ~~xx~~ in similar way as it is being done in cases of Gram Panchayats.

Therefore, for the purpose of developmental activities, Particular Rural Development activities, The Tribal Councils in the Nicobars District have been recognised as the Representative Bodies. However, these councils do not have the Constitutional recognition.