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(जनजातीय कार्य विभाग, भारत सरकार)
**TRIBAL CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING DEVELOPMENT
FEDERATION OF INDIA LIMITED**
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA)

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The Director,
Tribal Welfare, Secretariat Bldg.
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Sub: Minutes of the meeting of the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, with the Lt Governor and senior officers of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands held on 11.11.2000

Sir,

This has reference to the visit of Shri Juel Oram, Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands from 9th to 13th November, 2000 and minutes of the meeting as referred above. The Hon'ble Minister during this visit was apprised about the distress sales of Areca Nuts by tribals in the Island due to the fact that the market price of this commodity has come down sharply as a result of the slump in the market. In this regard, the Hon'ble Minister had further agreed to advance some funds against the cost of Areca Nuts through an agency appointed by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration in order to procure Areca Nut from the tribal growers.

In this connection our Regional Manager, Calcutta had sent a communication on 14.12.2000 to the Administrator, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (copy enclosed) but response has not been received so far. In order to proceed further with finalisation of the modalities of procurement, we would request you to kindly inform us the quantity of Areca Nuts available, the name of the agency being appointed by the administration for undertaking procurement of the commodities from the tribals and also the market avenues of the commodity in the Islands/outside together with other relevant details like storage arrangements, present prevailing market prices, the season of procurement etc.