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Port Blair, dated the 10th October 2003

To

- The District Magistrate, Andaman District, Port Blair.
- The District Magistrate, Nicobar District, Car Nicobar.

Sub: Setting up of Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the District level in accordance with Rule 17 of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Director, Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi vide his letter No.11012/6/2003-PCR(Desk) dated 1st August 2003 (copy enclosed) addressed to, among others, Seretary(TW), A & N Administration has informed that Rules 16 & 17 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Attrocities) Rules 1995 provide for constitution of State Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee. Further he has requested that meetings of these Committees are to be held as per the periodicity provided in aforesaid Rules. In this connection, it is stated that Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor has approved the proposal for setting up of Union Territory level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee. Similarly, the District Level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee for each District is to be set up.

Under Rule 17 of the SCs & STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Rule 1995, the District Magistrate is to set up Vigilance and Monitoring Committee in his District Magistrate to review the implementation of the provisions of SCs & STs, Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989, relief and rehabilitation facilities provided to the victims and other matters connected therewith, prosecution of cases under the Act. The Committee may consist of Superintendent of Police, three Group A Officers, Gazetted Officers of the State Government belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes not more than five non-official members belonging to Scheduled Tribes and not more than 3 members form the categories other than SCs & STs having associations with the non-governmental organizations with the District Magistrate and District Social Officer, as Chairman and Member Secretary respectively. It has been decided by the Administration to obtain the list of such officers and non-official members from the respective District Magistrate and finalize it. Copy of relevant portion of the note is enclosed.

You are therefore requested to kindly furnish the list of officers and non-official members of the proposed District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committee to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare at the earliest.

This issues with the approval of the Administration.

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Yours faithfully

Research Officer (TW)

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