May please peruse notes from para 41/N above. It is regarding constituting the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the UT level and at District level under Rule 16 and 17 of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995 respectively.

There are no Scheduled Castes in these islands and atrocities against Scheduled Tribes are very few. So far, there are only two cases registered as atrocities against Scheduled Tribes in these islands.

However, keeping in view the statutory requirement, the constitution of the Committees at UT and District level is needed. The composition at UT level as suggested under para 47/N may be approved.

Further, we may request the District Magistrate (Nicobar) and District Magistrate (Andamans) to constitute the District level Committee as per the Rules.

Submitted for consideration.

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