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Nicobar in turn, circulated the rules to elicit views/suggestions of the traditional Tribal Council/Tribal Leaders. Even a campaign was launched to educate the tribals about the impact of the implementation Regulation in vernacular following coming into force the Rules. However, the Chairperson, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar and Tribal Council, Nancowrie in their joint representation addressed to the Hon'ble LG, A& N Islands demanded inclusion of the Nicobarese Tribal Council under Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. As for the draft Electoral Rules, 2011 the Tribal Council has expressed some reservations which they would discuss with the Admn. They are yet to revert.

With regard to inclusion of the Tribal Councils under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, the Admn has decided to organize a visit of the tribal leaders led by the DC, Nicobars to the Autonomous District Council in the North East states to have a better understanding of the concepts of Sixth Schedule on those states.

13th IDA Meeting:

Agenda Point: Amendment of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956:

No change in the status.

Yours faithfully,

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