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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE  
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Port Blair dated the 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014,

To

Shri Ajeet Singh,  
Section Officer ANL,  
Govt. of India,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
North Block,  
New Delhi 110 001.

Sub: Holding Local Self Government Election in Nicobar Group of Islands.

Please refer to your letter No. U-14035/16/2014-ANL dated 2.9.2014 on the above mentioned subject.

In this context, it is stated that to implement the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009 draft Electoral Rules, were prepared and sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars for seeking the views/suggestions of the tribal leaders way back in May'2011 before they could be finalized and got approved from the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. The Deputy Commissioner, 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.

This issue was flagged by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands in the Conference of Governors held in Rashtrapati Bhawan on Dec'2013, an extract of which is enclosed.

Encl:A/a

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

1. The Chief Secretary, A& N Administration for information.
2. The Secretary (TW), A&N Administration for information.
3. Concerned file.

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