

F. No. 1-849/2013-TW/173
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
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Port Blair dated the 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

To

Shri P. Singhthanga,  
Secretary to Govt. of Mizoram,  
Department of District Council Affairs.  
Mizoram.

**Sub: Visit of team with the representatives of the Nicobarese Tribal Councils to the Autonomous District Council in Mizoram -reg.**

Sir,

As you are aware, that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is a Union Territory and have originally been abode of the aboriginal tribals. In these islands, there are six Scheduled Tribes i.e., the Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Nicobarese and Shompens. Out of these six tribes the Nicobarese tribe constitutes the largest group among the tribals. Their participation in the development programmes is being ensured through the traditional Tribal Councils of the Nicobarese and these Tribal Councils are autonomous in their own way. In order to provide greater autonomy to these traditional Tribal Councils of Nicobarese to manage their affairs, the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 was promulgated by the President under articles 240 of the Constitution of India and published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part II Section 1 No. 56 dated 31.12.2009.

At present the Nicobari tribe is requesting for Autonomous District Councils on the pattern of the States of North Eastern Region under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. The Administration of