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Conduct of Elections) Rules, which were drafted in 2001, to enable us to proceed further for delimitation of constituencies, preparation of electoral rolls and conduct of maiden General Elections as per the A&N Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation,, 2009.

- (b). To expedite the final publication of the A&N Islands (Tribal Council) Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules.

After interaction of the Tribal Captains about the allocation of the funds and its utilization under Tribal Sub-Plan, it is reported that the Tribal captains are not aware of fund allocation and expenditure. The A&N Administration neither consulted nor obtained the consent from the village Captains about the demands for Tribal Sub-plan.

In response to the Un-starred question No. 898 answered on 10.12.20013, **(copy enclosed)**, it was replied (under item "c") MV Shompen purchased under the Tribal Sub-Plan for the welfare of the Tribal Communities facilitated with MI Room, Dispensary etc for the purpose is to conduct medical camp in remote islands of Nancowry Group of islands and also Nicobar Group of Islands.

But I am sorry to say that the reply furnished by the A&N Administration is far from the ground reality.

I am enclosing herewith the details of information regarding allocation/expenditure and surrender of Tribal Sub- Plan fund for the last 10 years (2003-04 to 2012-13) (copy enclosed). Abstract of allocation/expenditure and surrender of fund with reason are as follows:-

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| a. Total allocation of last 10 years | .. 1007.25 Crores |
| b. Expenditure incurred              | .. 762.98 crores  |
| c. Surrendered/ Unspent fund         | .. 244.27 Crores  |

In the premises of the above, I am requesting you to intervene in the matter and to honour the legitimate demands of the Village Captains for fulfilling their democratic rights under the Constitution for holding the Local Self Govt. election in Nancowry Group of Islands at the earliest.

Yours sincerely,

Encl: As above.

  
(Bishnu Pada Ray)

Copy to :-

1. Smti. Aysha Majid, Chairman, Tribal Council, Nancowry for information and necessary action.
2. Smti. Cicilia, Chairman, Tribal Council, Kamorta, for information
3. All the 12 Village Captains, Nancowry Group of Islands
4. Folder No.44 - For records.