was requested to take efforts to create awareness among the Captains of Nicobars about the benefits of the development raise, through devolution of funds and greater participation in Local Self Governance so that the "A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 could be implemented. (Copy enclosed).

Recently, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament has endorsed a copy of the Joint representation dated 23.11.2015 of the Village Captains of Nancowry Group of Islands addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor regarding implementation of A & N Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation Act of 2009. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament had raised following issues viz (i) implementation of Tribal Council Regulation Act., 2009 and to conduct the election of Local Self Govt. in Nancowry Group of Islands for enabling the tribal communities to elect their own desirable representatives and to manage their own affairs by delegating them the financial and executive powers, (ii) to expedite the final publication of the A & N (Tribal Council) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Election) Rules, which were draft in 2011, to enable 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 and (iii) The Village Captains are unaware of the funds allotted and its utilization under TSP. The Administration neither consulted nor obtained the consent from the village captains about the demands for Tribal Sub Plan. (Copy enclosed).

It is therefore, requested that the matter may kindly be looked into and the views/suggestions of the members/leaders of the Tribal Council sent to the Directorate of Tribal Welfare at the earliest to enable this Department to finalise the Draft Rules expeditiously.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: A/a

Director (Tribal Welfare)

Copy to:

1. PA to Secretary (TW), A & N Administration for favour of information of Secretary (TW).

2. The Project Officer, ITDP, Car Nicobar for information and necessary action.

Director (Tribal Welfare)