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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORAT OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the, January 2016.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Nicobar District,
Car Nicobar.

Sub: **Publication of final draft of Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2011.**

Madam,

I am directed to invite a reference to this office letter No. 1-849/2008-TW(PF)/412 dated 12.5.2011 and subsequent reminders dated 1.6.2011, 14.7.2011, 29.7.2011, 24.8.11, 30.8.2011 on the above cited subject, where in it was requested to furnish the views/suggestions of the Members of the traditional Tribal Councils on Draft Electoral Rules. (Copy enclosed)

It is pertinent to mention here that a meeting was held at Raj Niwas on 21.3.2011 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands on Draft Rules of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, 2011 for implementation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council Regulation), 2009 and it was decided in the meeting that DC, Nicobars may discuss the implementation of the A & N Island (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009 and Draft Rules for Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections) Rules, amongst the members of the Tribal Councils and furnish the views/suggestions of the Tribal leaders to this Dept.

Subsequently, another meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the then Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars at Car Nicobar on 9.4.2012, (Copy of minutes enclosed). The draft Rules were circulated amongst the members/leaders of the traditional Tribal Councils to elicit their views/suggestions. Even a campaign was launched to educate the tribals about the impact of the implementation Regulation in vernacular following coming into force of the Rules. But in spite of repeated requests, the Rules have not been received by this office. In the meantime, a communication was received from the Election Commissioner for UTs, wherein the Administration was requested to take efforts to generate awareness among the Captains of Nicobars about the benefits of the development raised through devolution of funds and greater participation in