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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS, INDIA

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To
The Deputy Commissioner,
Nicobar District,
Car Nicobar

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Sub: Views on Development of Tourism / Election of Tribal Council body / Education – reg.

Sir / Madam,

The Tribal Council and its Executive Members after duly deliberating on the subject cited above in reply to your last letter dated 28.12.2015 requesting suggestion and opinion in the matter

1. **TOURISM** – We are grateful to the A & N Administration for taken initiatives in various development projects in the Nicobar District in the after math of devastation due to Earthquake/Tsunami in 2004. When we talk about tourism in Nicobar District, we appreciate the local administration in having foresightedness of introduction of tourism as a platform for earning daily livelihood of the people in these islands. However we express the need of a good infrastructures and a suitable place for the tourists whenever they visit these islands. Hence we are of the views that unless and until these facilities is being setup with proper guidelines and control over the influx of tourist. As for now we are of the opinion that development of tourism in the Nicobar District may kindly be put on hold until such times come that we may be able to handle the matter without disturbing the existing traditional lives of the whole tribal community. However this decision may be kept in abeyance till all merits and demerits is welcome by the whole community rather than forcefully implementing the same.
2. **CONDUCTION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION** – This Tribal Council Office Car Nicobar is aware of the fact that the election of Tribal Council Members under the newly Draft Regulation Act which is somehow on par with Panchayat election. As you are aware that we have a unique kind of setup in the whole Car Nicobar Island as close knit governance in all the 15 villages in Car Nicobar keeping in mind that we still live in a joint family. Hence election of five representatives of the people including one nominated Lady Representatives, except five nominated Headman representatives' names is proposed by voice call which is always seconded by another person and approved by rest of the gathering to stand for First Captainship. The elected Captain and all nominated Lady Representatives of each village in turn directly propose the name of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Deputy Vice Chairman and the Secretary of the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar. Since there is more need to highlight the rules and regulation of the newly formed **TRIBAL COUNCIL DRAFT REGULATION ACT** to the whole community and to deliberate upon it through grass root level. Hence we convey our view that we will stick to the present situation i.e. Village Council, Island Council until all community are well informed about the said regulation.
3. **EDUCATION** – Education is an utmost priority for the whole community for further improvement in all sections by providing good quality of elementary education as well as higher education is always welcome by our Tribal Nicobarese community. We shall be highly grateful to the local administration to take initiatives for setting up a good private Primary School in Car Nicobar in coordination with the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar. We request your goodself to kindly take all possible steps in establishing such kind of school at your own end.

Warm regards

VICE CHAIRMAN
Vice Chairman
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