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Respected Prof. Mukhiji, Please find

My greetings for the New Year. May you have all good health, happiness and success.

As discussed with you over telephone sometime ago, I am bringing for your consideration the issue of Nicobar Group of Islands into the fold of local self governance for which the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), Govt. of India had notified the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 on 31.12.2009. The implementation of this Regulation has not commenced so far as the relevant rules required to be framed in this regard have yet to be finalized by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The Commission has been taking up this matter with the Administration from the time to time. On this issue I had last drawn the kind attention of your predecessor vide my d.o. dated 25.01.2016 which also brings out the status of the matter (copy enclosed).

Responding to my aforesaid communication, the Director (TW) informed that of the 7 Tribal Councils in the Nicobar District of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, only one Tribal Council i.e. of Car Nicobar has stated that they would like to retain "the present situation i.e. of having a traditional Village Council and an Island Council, until the community is well informed about the said Regulation" and that the views of other Tribal Councils were being obtained from the remaining Tribal Councils.

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