

Since, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare (TW) has once again requested the District Administration of Nicobar District, to obtain the views of the other Tribal Councils and to make the Tribal Community well conversant with the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council), Regulation, 2009 at the grass root level, we would only urge that this is reviewed at the appropriate higher level as without the notification of the rules of the aforesaid Regulation by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, the Commission is unable to initiate any further step for holding the elections to the seats in the Councils and the offices of the First Captains under the said Regulation. I may add that even after the notification of the said Rules, the Administration would have to first initiate action for constitution of Village General Bodies under Section 3, and will also have to determine the areas of the said Village General Bodies under Section 6 of the Regulation as was done at the time of the constitution of Panchayats.

I hope a considered view is taken as to what should be done, so that this important long standing matter is brought to a logical closure.

With my best regards,

Yours sincerely,



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