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**Minutes of the meeting held on 8.2.2017 at 11:30 AM presided by the Assistant Commissioner (TW) with the office bearers of Tribal Councils in the conference hall of ANTRI to discuss various issues related to the tribal community of Nicobar District**

1) At the outset, the Assistant Commissioner (Tribal Welfare) welcomed all the office bearers of Tribal Council of Teressa, Chowra, Great & Little Andaman, Kamorta and Nancowry and officers of Tribal Welfare Department who were present in the meeting. The Assistant Commissioner (TW) informed the importance of this meeting and requested the tribal officer bearers to come forward and appraise the grievances being faced by them towards implementation of developmental activities under TSP and implementation of Tribal Council Regulation. They were also informed that 21 various departments of the Administration are implementing Tribal Sub Plan in the Nicobar District using 8% of fund out of the total sanctioned Budget of the UT Administration.

2) Some of the grievances highlighted by the participants are given below: -

- (i) Installation of Mobile tower in Chowra Island
- (ii) Construction of supply godown at Makachua & Afra Bay
- (iii) Construction of Primary school at Enam, Teressa
- (iv) Repair of Primary School at Phillopanja

3) Accordingly, it was decided that all Tribal Councils shall furnish the list of works to be undertaken on priority basis, so that while reviewing progress of the TSP by the Tribal Welfare Department, the same will be brought to notice of department concerned for its early implementation-

4) The Assistant Commissioner (TW) further explained the tribal office bearers about the merits of implementation of Tribal Council Regulation, 2009 and Draft Rules, 2011 and its consequent benefits which will be gained by the tribal in terms of social and economic development of the tribal community. The Assistant Commissioner (TW) narrated in brief about the devolution of powers and the election pattern proposed under the draft Rules.

5) Copies of the A&N (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009 and A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) (Preparation of Electrol Rolls and Conduct of Elections), Rules 2011 were shared with the office bearers in the meeting and requested to go through each of the points mentioned therein and submit their claims and objections if any. Smti Cicilia, Chairperson, Tribal Council, Kamorta has informed that many deliberations with regard to finalization of draft Rules had already been taken place many time and she has already endorsed the proposal for its early implementation. The other office bearers have also shown their consent towards its proper implementation. All the leaders further stressed that their consent for implementation of A&N (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009 and A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) (Preparation of Electrol Rolls and Conduct of Elections), Rules 2011 should be considered as final in respect of Tribal Council of Teressa, Chowra, Great & Little Andaman, Kamorta and Nancowry.