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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

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Port Blair, dated the 16 February, 2018.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Nicobar District,
Car Nicobar.

Sub: **Implementation of the "Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 -reg.**

Sir,

As you are well aware that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 has been formulated by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration on the pattern of A & N Islands Panchayat Regulation, 1994 to introduce Panchayati Raj amongst the Nicobarese tribe has been promulgated by the President under article 240 of the Constitution of India and the same has been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II Section 1. No. 56 dated 31.12.2009. It has also been republished in the Andaman & Nicobar Gazette for the general public to provide greater autonomy to the traditional Tribal Councils of Nicobarese to manage their affairs. The draft A & N (Tribal Council) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections), Rules 2011 have been sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District with the request to obtain the opinion and suggestions from all the Tribal Councils of Nicobarese vide this office letter No.5-79/2014-15/TW/1120 dated 28.11.2016 followed by reminder dated 24.01.2017.

Five Tribal Councils namely (i) Car Nicobar, (*the Harminder Bay village situated at Little Andaman habited by the Nicobarese is also coming under jurisdiction of the Tribal Council Car Nicobar*) (ii) Nancowry, (iii) Kamorta, (iv) Teresa, and (v) Great & Little Nicobar have already expressed their willing to accept the Tribal Council Regulation, 2009 whereas the Tribal Council of Katchal has expressed its willingness and the views of the Tribal Council of Chowra is still awaited.

It is therefore, requested that the views of the Tribal Council of Chowra may be obtained and communicated to this office at the earliest and a fresh attempt may be made to convince the Tribal Council of Katchal by apprising them about the merits of implementation of Tribal Council Regulation, 2009, the Draft Electoral Rules devolution of powers & election pattern proposed under the rules and its consequent benefits which will be gained by the tribals in terms of social and economic development of the tribal community.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Commissioner (TW)