

submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for consideration.

In the Conference of Governors held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands has also raised the issue to consider the demand of the Nicobari tribal community for inclusion in the Sixth Schedule. This Administration has also decided to send the representatives of the Tribal Councils to the Autonomous District to understand the import of the Sixth Schedule. The study tour of the Tribal Representative in the month of June 2015 could not happen due to security reasons.

Recently, a letter was also received from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament demanding for of implementation to Tribal Council Regulation Act., 2009 and to conduct the election of Local Self Govt. in Nancowry Group of Islands. Following, which this office has once again requested the DC, Nicobar to seek the views/suggestions of the Members of the Tribal Councils of Nicobars District vide letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> Jan'2016 at page 145/cor.

In response the Project Officer, ITDP Car Nicobar has forwarded a copy of the letter received from the Vice Chairman, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar conveying the views on the draft Electoral Rules which may be seen at page 151/cor. The views of the Vice Chairman, Tribal Council Car Nicobar are reproduced below:

*"The 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 some how on par with Panchayat election. As you are aware that we have unique kind of setup in the whole Car Nicobar Island as close knit governance in all and 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 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."*

From the above views of the tribal leaders, it is evident that the tribal groups of Nicobari tribes of Car Nicobar is happy with the present set up of tribal councils unless and until the whole community is conversant with the provisions made in the said Regulation.

If approved, we may appraise the above facts to the Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands for his kind perusal, please.

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