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**NOTE**

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

The Andaman and Nicobar (Tribal Councils) Regulation promulgated by the President in the Sixtieth Year of the Republic of India on December 31, 2009 was notified in the Gazette of India vide notification No. 56.

The Regulation intends to establish Tribal Councils in the Nicobar District of the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to provide greater autonomy for the Nicobari Scheduled Tribes in managing their affairs and for matters connected therewith.

Its jurisdiction extends to the District of Nicobar (excluding the Shompen settlement areas) and Nicobari settlement areas in the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands except the areas to which the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 extends. And it was mandated to come into force at once. It needs no mention that extension of the democratic process and availability of funds, functions and functionaries to the tribal community would usher in a new era of development for them.

In pursuit of implementing the Tribal Councils Regulation, 2009, several consultative meetings were held by the district administration, Nicobars with the tribal leaders, their representatives and villagers of each tribal councils. They were informed about the constitution, elections, powers, responsibilities, financing, and other related matters of the village councils, tribal councils, and Island council as mandated by the regulation. The intention was to acquaint them with the functioning of the Local Self-Governing Institutions and their effectiveness in ensuring the welfare of the masses and hence strengthening the democracy at grassroots level. An exposure visit to the Panchayats of Andaman for the tribal leaders of all the tribal councils of Nicobar District is also being organized by the ITDA for the same.

It is heartening to mention that on account of unrelenting efforts of the ITDA and the district administration, Nicobars through continuous consultations with all the stakeholders, all the seven (07) Tribal Councils of Nicobar