

PUC is a letter No. 5-19/EC/A&N/2015/148 dated 20.10.2016 (Page 157/c) received from Secretary, Election Commission for UTs (A&N Islands), New Delhi, seeking current status of the finalization of the "Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009" and Draft Rules.

The Secretary, Election Commission for UTs has invited a reference to this office letter No. 1-849/2013-TW/255 dated 18.3.2016 (Page 155/c) and informed that more than seven months are over but no actions seems to have been taken so far in the matter by the Tribal Welfare. Thus, he has requested to furnish the current status to the Election Commissioner, as she would take up the matter with the Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands.

Earlier, the Election Commissioner for UTs had written a DO letter dated 25.1.2016 (Page 152/c) to the Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and requested to notify the Rules, so that the Commission can start its preparation for holding elections to the Tribal Councils without further loss of time. Based on the said DO letter, this Directorate had consultations with the Nicobarese through the DC (Nicobars). The DC (Nicobar) ascertaining the views of the various tribal councils of Nicobar District has sent a report vide letter dated 1.2.2016 (Page 150/c) indicating that the tribal representatives of Tribal Council at a meeting held on 28.12.2015 expressed the view that they were still in favour of continuing the existing traditional and informal election process to the tribal councils. However, they expressed that in the meanwhile they would educate the tribal community at grassroots level on the Tribal Council Rules for firm up their opinion further. The said views of the tribal councils were conveyed to the Election Commissioner vide this office letter dated 18.3.2016, which was also endorsed to DC (N)

at page 156/c,

In light of the above said letter dated 18.3.2016, we may request the DC (N) to further ascertain from the individual tribal councils of Nicobari, if they have formed any opinion on the tribal and convey the same to this office so that we may appraise the situation to the Election Commissioner.

Subject to approval, a draft letter addressed to DC (N) is placed alongside.

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