

The subject matter is regarding implementation of A&N Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009.

It is submitted that from last 2012 onwards, the Election Commissioner is pressing hard for finalization of Draft Electoral Rules of Tribal Councils. To implement the Regulation, a draft of the Rules titled "Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and Conduct of Elections)" Rules, 2011 was prepared and sent to the Deputy Commissioner (Nicobar District) for wider consultation with the tribal leaders on time to time basis. But due to the reservation of the tribal councils, the same could not be implemented till date.

Pursuant to the DO letter dated 25.1.2016 of the Election Commission for UT, this Directorate had convened a meeting with the office bearers of Tribal Council of Teresa, Chowra, Great & Little Andaman, Kamorta and Nancowry on 8.2.2016. Copy of the minutes of the meeting dated 8.2.2016 may be seen at Page 173/c.

In the meantime, this Directorate had also requested the Dy Commissioner, Car Nicobar to obtain the views of the remaining tribal councils. Now, we have received the views of 06 Tribal Councils except Tribal Council, Chowra, which is submitted as under: -

Sl. No.	Name of the Tribal Councils	Whether accepted or not	Letter No. & Date
1	Little & Great Nicobar	Accepted. This Regulation will provide greater autonomy for Nicobari ST and promote in managing their affairs and formatters connected therewith, so I agree with all the chapters conferred therein	1-3/TC/ G&LN/ Genl/2017-18 dated 26.12.2017
2	Car Nicobar	Accepted. Tribal Council, car Nicobar have no objection for its implementation	1-1/Genl/TC-CN/ 2017-18/256 dated 27.11.2017
3	Katchal	Not accepted Need not be implemented for Katchal Island and the existing system of governance should continue	CC/TC/KTL/73 dated 27.9.2017
4	Nancowry	Accepted. We fully support the endeavor of the Administration that would bring us on par with the PRI	CTC/NC/2017-18/84 dated 18.12.2017
5	Kamorta	Accepted. Has got no objection for its implementation	1-1/CTC/Kam/ 2017/09 dated 17.12.17
6	Teresa	Accepted. Unanimously agreed upon its implementation	G-1/CTC/Ter/2017-18/250 dated 22.12.17
7	Chowra	Reply Awaited	

In view of the above, following actions are proposed for kind perusal.

- 1) Dy Commission, Nicobar District may be requested to obtain the view of Tribal Council, Chowra.