

Sub: Implementation of A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009.

173 May kindly like to see the note dated 04.06.2018 received from the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, Car Nicobar addressed to the Secretary (TW) regarding implementation of A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009.

174 The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 envisages two tier system with (i) Village Councils (ii) Islands Councils 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. (p-103-141/c)

175 To implement the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009 draft Electoral Rules, was prepared and sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars District with the request to obtain the opinion and suggestions from all the Tribal Councils of Nicobarese before they could be finalized and got approved from the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands.

176 There are seven Tribal Councils in the Nicobar District viz. (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) Katchal, (v) Teresa, (vi) Chowra and (vii) Great & Little Nicobar.

177 The DC, Nicobars circulated the rules amongst the members/leaders of the traditional Tribal Councils to elicit views/suggestions.

A campaign was launched to educate the tribals about the impact of the implementation Regulation in vernacular. They were informed about the constitution, elections, powers, responsibilities, financing and other related matters of the regulation. Several consultative meetings were held with the Tribal leaders, their representatives and villagers of each Tribal Councils. They were