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F. No. 1-849/2013/
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
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Port Blair dated the June, 2014,

To

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Govt. of India,  
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Sub:-Publishing of the draft Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) (Preparation of Electoral Rolls and conduct of Election) Rules 2011 to operationalise the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 5-19/EC/2014/45 dated 12<sup>th</sup> May'2014 on the above cited subject.

In this context, it is stated that 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, Nicobars for seeking the views/suggestions of the tribal leaders way back in May'2011 before they could be finalized and got approved from the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar in turn, circulated the rules to elicit views/suggestions of the traditional Tribal Council/Tribal Leaders. Even a campaign was launched to educate the tribals about the impact of the implementation Regulation in vernacular following coming into force the Rules.

In the meanwhile, the Members of the Tribal Council of Nicobarese have demanded to include the Nicobars tribal area under Sixth Schedule and also for exempting the Nicobarese from the payment of Income Tax on par with the Scheduled Tribes of states included in the Sixth Schedule, in response to which the Administration has decided that the DC, Nicobar alongwith the representative of Tribal Councils may make a visit