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PUC is a letter dated 24th September, 2014 of MHA, New Delhi addressed to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration forwarding a copy of a letter dated 03/9/2014 of Shri. Bishnu Pada Ray, MP (LS), A & N Islands addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, GOI, New Delhi regarding holding local self Govt. Election in Nicobar group of Islands. The MHA has asked for the comments of this Administration so as to send a reply to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

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The Hon'ble MP in his above letter has mentioned certain issues such as (i) lack of basic amenity likes road, water and health procurement of copra at half of minimum support price extended by the GOI, from the tribals, unnecessary expenditure on creation of certain infrastructures like synthetic athletic track, boys and girls hostels without any requirement etc as a justification for holding local self govt election in Nicobar group of islands.

As mentioned in this Admn's letter dated 9/6/2014 at page 8/cor, the draft A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) preparation of Electoral Rolls and conduct of election) Rules 2011 had already been circulated to the Tribal Councils of Nicobars District to elicit their views / suggestions way back in May, 2011 before they could be finalized and got approved by the Administrator. They (the Nicobarese Tribal Councils) have not yet come forward with their views/suggestions for or against the draft Election Rules. However, the Chairperson, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar and Tribal Council, Nancowrie in their joint representation dated 29/11/2013 at page 25/cor addressed to the Hon'ble LG, A& N Islands demanded inclusion of the Nicobarese Tribal Council under sixth schedule of the constitution. As for the draft Electoral Rules, 2011 they stated that expressed they had some reservations which they would discuss with the Admn. They are yet to revert.

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With regard to inclusion of the Tribal Councils under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, the Admn decided to organize a visit of the tribal leaders led by the DC, Nicobars to the Autonomous District Council in the North East states to have a better understanding of the concepts of Sixth Schedule on those states, for which a proposal has been called for from DC, Nicobar vide letter dated 19.5.2014 at page 43/cor. However the DC's response is yet to be received.

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If approved, we may send a reply on the above lines to the Section Officer (ANL), MHA, GoI. DFA- I

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Further it is submitted that we send a reminder to expedite the proposal and at the same time pursue with the Tribal Councils to expedite their suggestions on the Draft Electoral Rules, 2011. DFA- II

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Submitted for perusal and approval please.

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