

- (b) D.O. Letter No.5-19/EC/2014/45 dated 12.05.2014 addressed to the Hon'ble LG, A&N Islands (**copy enclosed**).
- (c) In reply to the aforesaid letter, the Secretary Law vide his letter No. 1-849/2013/405 has furnished the following arguments (**copy enclosed**):
- (i) Tribal Council of Nicobar group of Islands have demanded to include the Nicobar Tribal Area under 6th Schedule like North East States. Also demanded that the Nicobari Tribals may be exempted from the payment of Income Tax at par with 6th schedule of Schedule Tribes.

Justification for election :

- (a) In 2014-15, there was allocation of Fund Rs.212 Crores under Plan Fund. But, the voice/demands of the tribals not been truly presented in the Plan which can be justified by the present MP (three times). Similarly, last several years, more than 1000 crores of Rupees spent under the Plan Fund, but the primary basic amenities not been provided so far. For example
- i) In Arong Village of Car Nicobar is still having problem of roads, water, health etc.
- ii) Tribal Students from class IX to XII are attending school without taking breakfast /lunch as their parents income is very nominal which is well known to the Administration and during my tour this has been confirmed in school in presence of Principal.
- iii) Huge number of sugar patients, TB patients are in Car Nicobar group of islands, but not been diagnosed earlier, as a result many patients are in the stages of dialysis on account of Kidney failure .
- iv) GOI extended **Minimum Support Price** for procurement of Copra, (Rs.44 to 51.25 per kg) which the only income source of the tribal. The procurement agency procured copra half of the **MSP** which is well known by the Administration.
- v) Basic amenities, such as supply of Kerosene Oil LPG, Petrol Diesel etc. are not been properly distributed.
- vi) Many expenditures, such as Synthetic Athletic Track, boys hostel, girls hostel etc. have been made available without any demand from the Tribals. Which has now became White Elephant. Whereas, in paper it is declared physically and financially achieved (copy enclosed).

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