

vii) In remote Islands, the Katchal, & Kamorta islands, the basic amenities yet to be fulfilled.

viii) As on date a good numbers of Nicobari Tribals are in the govt. job with better status, such as Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Tehsildars, etc. and their literacy rate is now 100%.

I have interacted many such Tribal peoples including the Captain of Nicobar Group of Islands. Their demand is only for local self government.

For your kind information I would like to quote that Lakshadweep is a Tribal State but not yet given exemption of Income Tax.

In regard to demand for Autonomous District Council under 6<sup>th</sup> Schedule may not be viable due to strategic location of these Islands.

It is my humble request that, immediate action to be taken for holding local self Govt. Election as per Regulation 2009 and Draft Rules, 2011 may be finalized at the earliest at the level of the Election Commissioner of India.

Yours sincerely,

Bishnu Pada Ray

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1. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Raj Niwas, Port Blair for favor of kind information.

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