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PUC is the letter dtd. 2-6-2010 from the Secretary to the Election Commissioner for UT's (Andaman & Nicobar Island), New Delhi addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, Car Nicobar and copy among other to Secretary (TW), A&N Administration regarding implementation of the provisions of A & N Island (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009. They have stated that under the provision of Section 3 of the said Regulation, Village General Bodies are required to be considered; under Section 8 Electoral Rolls of Nicobari tribals ordinarily residing within the jurisdiction of the Village General Body are required to be prepared by the Assistant Commissioner concerned under the superintendence, directions and control of the Election Commission; under section 11 Village Councils are required to be constituted and under Section 94 the Superintendence, direction and control of the preparation of electoral rolls for, and the conduct of, all elections to the Village Councils and Island Councils in the UT of A & N Islands shall be vested in the Election Commission. The Election Commissioner has desired to know the progress made sofar in enforcing the said Regulation.

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In response to the letter dated 2.6.2010 of the Secretary to the Election Commissioner, the Project Officer, ITDP/ Asstt. Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar vide letter No. 2-71 (47)/ITDP/TCR/09/2010-11/701 dated 2.6.2010 has sent a detailed status report indicating the progress sofar made and the time frame for enforcing the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 to the Secretary, O/O of Election Commissioner for UT's (A&N Islands), New Delhi. They have endorsed a copy to Assistant Commissioner (TW), A&N Administration with the request that the services of one HGC and LGC may be made available to them for establishment of a dedicated cell in the District Office Car Nicobar for providing administrative support to the District Administration in connection with the implementation of said Regulation. They have also stated that the services of a Survey team for physical measurement of various constituencies for de-limitation may be requisitioned from the District Administration, South Andaman.

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In this connection it is stated that A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section I, No. 56 dated 31.12.2009 has been republished in the A & N Extraordinary Gazette No. 68 dated 17.3.2010 for the information of the general public which may kindly be perused at Flag "A".

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Further it is stated that there are 1 post of HGC and 3 posts of LGC in the ITDP, Car Nicobar and their services could be utilized for the above purpose. It has been ascertained that all the posts in the ITDP, Car Nicobar are lying vacant. If approved, we may request Secretary (Perl), A&N Administration to post at least 1 HGC and 1 LGC against the existing vacancy in the office of the Project Officer, ITDP, Car Nicobar for establishment of a dedicated Cell in the District Office, Car Nicobar as there are at present 1 HGC and 1 LGC working in this Directorate and other 2 staff i.e. 1 HGC and 1 LGC are on leave.