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		<p>panchayats one at village level and the other at island level and there is no panchayat at District level. Needless to say that no statutory status has been given to these traditional Tribal Council till date and therefore this regulation has been proposed. Since islands are far flung and the islands are units of the administration in Nicobar District, it is felt that intermediate panchayat are necessary as the village panchayats and district panchayats.</p>	
	<p>(iii) MHA to carefully examine the reasonability of introducing the proposed Regulation at the time keeping in view the level of awareness and education of the persons who shall follow these Regulation.</p>	<p>So far this Union Territory is concerned it is felt that this is the right time to notify the Regulation as traditional tribal councils are functioning though without direct financial and administrative powers conferred upon them by the Government. The draft Tribal Council Regulation has been proposed mainly to cater to the needs of Nicobarese tribes who are otherwise well educated. The literacy rate in the Nicobar District predominantly inhabited by the Nicobarese is 63.08% as per the 2001 census as compared to National Literacy Rate of 65%.</p>	<p>It is resolved by the Tribal Council in the presence of District Administration that they do accept the comments of MHA and no comments to offer in this regards.</p>
	<p>(iv) the Election Commissioner appointed under section 185 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation is empowered only in respect of Gram Panchayats, Panchayats Samitis and Zila Parishad and not conducting elections of Tribal Councils. So, said provisions are also required to be amended with a view to cover the Tribal Council also and only then the definitions of Election Commission and Election Commissioner proposed in the draft Regulation would be tenable.</p>	<p>Provision has already been made under draft Regulation at Section 185. However, as advised by the Ministry of Law & Justice, a separate proposal for amendment of the Andaman & Nicobar (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 will be submitted.</p>	<p>It is resolved by the Tribal Council in the presence of District Administration that they do accept the comments of MHA and no comments to offer in this regards.</p>
	<p>(v) Consequential changes required to be made in the Panchayat Regulation of 1994 which can either be incorporated in the instant proposal for amendment of Panchayat Raj Regulation may be initiated.</p>	<p>A separate proposal for amendment of the Andaman and Nicobar (Panchayat) Regulation 1004 will be submitted.</p>	<p>It is resolved by the Tribal Council in the presence of District Administration that</p>