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D.O.No: 1-849/2007-TW

Port Blair, dated the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009

Dear Smti. Bhamathi,

Please refer to the D.O. letter No. 1-849/2007-TW dated 17.03.2009 from the Home Secretary to the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, as well as your own letter dated 24.02.2009 about the finalization of the Tribal Council Regulation.

The draft regulations were circulated again amongst the various Tribal Councils. Based on their inputs, and after detailed deliberations with the Deputy Commissioner(Nicobar), the draft has been recast, with major modifications. A revised draft is enclosed, alongwith a chart indicating the provisions and schedules that have been amended, deleted or added.

A major change in this final version is the removal of provision for District Council, replacing it with a District Planning Committee. This satisfies the concerns of all the Tribal Councils, who have sought deletion of the District Council. A two tier system of Village councils and Island Councils will be consistent with the existing situation in Nicobar District.

Other important changes made in the regulations are as follows:-

- (a) The Composition of the Village General Body has been restricted to Nicobari Tribals alone. Any non-tribal even if living in the tribal village will not be eligible for being a member of the village general body. (Please see Chapter - 2 Section-4(i).
- (b) Saving clause 113 has been included whereby the provisions of the A&N Islands(Protection of Aboriginal Tribals) Regulations 1956 would over ride the provisions of the Tribal Council Regulation in case of conflict or contradiction between the two.
- (c) Second and Third Schedule have been edited.

Govt. of India is requested to approve the Tribal Council Regulations.

With regards.

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Yours sincerely,

  
(Vivek Rae)