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PUC is the Fax message dtd. 3.9.2010 from the Secretary, Election Commission for UTs for UT's (Andaman & Nicobar Island), Govt. of India, New Delhi addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, Nicobar regarding implementation of the A & N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation 2009. The Election Commissioner is visiting Andamans between 6.9.2010 to 8.9.2010 in connection with forth-coming Panchayat Elections. She may like to discuss the present status of the case and future plan of action concerning the implementation of the new Regulation for Nicobar Island with the Chief Secretary and other concerned officers at Port Blair and requested the D.C, Nicobars to send them status immediately.

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".

Further it is stated that in order to operationalise the said Regulation, for meeting the aspirations of the tribal community by providing them with greater autonomy, the District Administration has drawn up a revised tentative schedule for various activities (at page 474/c), of which the process of constitution of Local Bodies viz. Village Councils and Island Councils would be completed by 31.3.2011. As decided in the meeting held on 2.7.2010 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (i/c) wherein the Election Commissioner (UT) was present, the Commission would be conducting the election in April, 2011. Accordingly a revised time frame for various activities has been drawn up by the D.C, Nicobar which may kindly be perused at page 483/c.

As per schedule the framing of Administrative Rules for running the Administration of Tribal Councils is to be completed by 31.7.2010 and preparation of Election Rules (Tribal Councils) by 31.8.2010 followed by delimitation of physical limits of various constituencies viz. Ward Member Constituencies, Village Councils and Island Councils by 31.12.2010 and preparation of Electoral Rolls for conducting election by 28.2.2011. Thereafter notification for conduct of election to Village Councils / Island Councils would be completed by 31.3.2011 followed by constitution of Local Bodies by 30.4.2011.

It was reported that the draft Administrative Rules for running the Administration of Tribal Councils was under preparation and as soon as it is completed the same will be sent to Administration for according approval of the competent authority but the draft Administrative Rules framed by the District Administration, Nicobar has not yet been received.

If approved, we may request D.C (N) to expedite the draft Administrative Rules to this Administration for according approval of the competent authority.

Submitted please.

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Secretary (TW)

*I have seen a status report from DC (CN) at date stage. Pl. process it. Also expedite acty. on creaty. of posts.*

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