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PUC is the letter dated 4.4.2011 from the Secretary, Election Commission for UTs (A&N Islands), MHA, Govt. of India, New Delhi regarding implementation of A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009. The Secretary, Election Commission for UTs has mentioned therein that the DC, Nicobar vide his letter dated 4.9.2010 had informed the Election Commission that A&N Islands (Tribal Councils Rules, 2010) had been drafted and were likely to be published after following due process of law. But infact A&N Islands (Tribal Council Rules, 2011) have not yet been notified till date. The Election Commission has desired to know the status and the revised schedule/action plan for implementation of the A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 notified by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India vide its notification No.56 dated 31.12.2009.

In this context, it is stated that A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 published in the Gazette of India, Extra-Ordinary, Part-II, Section-1 No.56 dated 31.12.2009 has been republished in the Andaman Nicobar Extra-Ordinary Gazette No.68 dated 17.3.2010 for the information of the General public which may kindly be seen at flag 'A'.

Further, it is stated that in order to operationalise the said Regulation, the District Administration, Nicobar District had drawn up a revised tentative schedule for various activities which includes submission of Administrative Rules and conduct of Election Rules to UT Admn., publication of Administrative Rules and conduct of Election Rules, delimitation of physical limits of various constituency namely ward member constituencies of village councils and island councils, publication of draft electoral rolls, publication of final electoral rolls and conduct of elections/constitution of local bodies etc would be completed before 30.4.2011. A copy of note dated 4.9.2010 addressed to Election Commissioner for UTs may kindly be perused at pages 493-494/c.

The Project Officer, ITDP, Car Nicobar vide letter dated 18.3.2011 at pages 497/c has sent a draft Rules for conduct of elections to the Tribal Councils prepared under A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009. The Draft Election Rules prepared by the District Office, Nicobar District is being scrutinized and the same will be vetted by the competent authority. Further, it is reported that the draft Administrative Rules for running the administration of Tribal Councils is under preparation and as soon as it is completed the same will be sent to Administration for according approval of the Competent Authority.

Since, the Election Commission has desired to know the status and revised schedule for the action plan for implementation of Tribal Councils Regulation, 2009 we may request DC, Nicobar to send a status report on the above issue to the Secretary, Election Commission for UTs (A&N Islands), MHA, Govt. of India, New Delhi under intimation to this Administration. Accordingly, a draft letter to DC, Nicobar is put up for perusal and approval please.

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