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NOTE FOR THE CABINET

**Subject: Promulgation of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 under article 240 of the Constitution.**

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The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has sent a draft of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009, for promulgation by the President under article 240 of the Constitution.

2. The Nicobar Islands have been excluded from the application of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994, as these areas are notified under the Andaman and Nicobar (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956. However, to enable participation of the people of the tribal areas (without affecting large scale change in their traditional set up), the Andaman and Nicobar Administration have proposed the draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 after consultation with the representatives of tribal people.

The draft Regulation is, more or less, on the pattern of Andaman and Nicobar (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 and is designed to provide a two tier structure for the Tribal Councils, i.e. at village level and Island