

This is regarding furnishing of comments in English and in Hindi on the draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, Chapter VI. The Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide their Letter dated 23-9-2009 at page 109/c enclosing therewith a copy of D.O letter No. 19012/38/2006-C&LM dtd. 23-9-2009 from the Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs addressed to the Home Secretary, North Block, New Delhi have requested this Administration to send the comments of the UT Administration (both in English and in Hindi) on the draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, Chapter -VI Urgently.

In this context, it is stated that a comparative statement of the amendments proposed in the Tribal Council Regulation by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Tribal Affairs and also some further amendments proposed by Andaman & Nicobar Administration alongwith reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with the proposed amendments, alongwith the re-drafted Tribal Council Regulation have been sent to the Joint Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs vide Chief Secretary's D.O letter No.1-849/2009-TW dtd. 14-7-2009. (An extract is placed at page 112-114/C). The Comparative Statement at pages 114/c reveals that the A & N Administration has already given comments on the specific points, which is reproduced below:

"It is the view of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration that it may not be appropriate to place one elected body under the supervision, guidance and control of another elected body. Hence it does not concur with this suggestion. Some executive authority must continue to remain with Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner, and the powers conferred on them under chapter VI are reasonable".

The Ministry off Tribal Affairs vide their letter dtd. 23-9-2009 at page 110/C has given comments in Hindi, which has already been translated in English and the same is placed at page 111/C. The comments of the A & N Administration sent to the Hindi Officer, A & N Admn. for translation into Hindi vide this Dte's letter dated 30.9.2009 at pages 115-116/c has been received and the same is placed at page 118/c.

If approved, we may send the English version of the comments of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on the draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, Chapter VI and Hindi version of the comments of the A& N Administration to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly a draft letter is put up for perusal and approval please.

Submitted please.

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