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F.No.U-11023/2/2006-UTL  
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

		including the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar had resolved to accept the draft Tribal Council Regulation.
2.	<b>The Ministry of Panchayati Raj:</b>	<b>Comments of Ministry of Home Affairs</b>
	"Population of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands is less than 20 lakhs, a two tier system should be proposed. The Intermediate Panchayats have to be dispensed with. Section 11(iv) of the Regulation may be amended to incorporate some of the enabling provisions of the Panchayat (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA) as the majority of the population living on the islands are tribals. Likewise chapter IV of the regulation comprising six sections i.e. Sections 28 to 33 dealing with the powers, duties and functions of the village	After detailed deliberations with the various Tribal Councils and based on their inputs, it has now been proposed to have a two tier system, viz. Village Council and Island Council. Accordingly, the provisions for District Council has been removed and in its place, a District Planning Committee has been proposed.