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**Status report on the implementation of the Andaman and
Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009.**

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009 has come into force with the publication of the *Notification No. 56 dated 31/12/2009* in the Gazette of India. The Regulation provides for establishment of Tribal Councils in the Nicobar District of the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands with the objective of providing greater autonomy to the Nicobari Scheduled Tribes community in managing their affairs and for matters connected thereto. The jurisdiction of the Regulation extends to the District of Nicobar (excluding the Shompen settlement areas) and Nicobari settlement areas in the Union territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands except the areas to which the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 extends.

The District Administration of Nicobars has already initiated necessary action for implementation of the Regulation immediately on receipt of the copy of the Regulation on 15.02.2010. Immediately on receipt of the Regulation, a meeting of the Tribal Council/ Tribal representatives was convened on 26.02.2010 for arriving at a consensus on the number of Village Councils, Ward Member Constituencies and Island Councils. An elaborate meeting and interactive session with all the Tribal Councils and tribal representatives, including those from Harmander Bay in Little Andaman Island, was also held on 05th and 06th March, 2010 at Community Hall, Perka village, Car Nicobar.

The draft proposals, agreed upon in the meeting held on 05th and 06th March 2010, were placed before all the stake-holders by the respective Tribal Councils for seeking concurrence. The following Tribal Councils have passed the following resolutions unanimously and furnished copies to the District Administration.

Sl.No.	Name of the Tribal Council	Details of Resolutions Passed
01	Great & Little Nicobar	Resolutions conveyed vide No. 16/2010 dated 17/03/2010.
02	Teressa	Resolutions conveyed vide No. 1-2/T C/2009-10/143 dated 22/03/2010.
03	Nancowry	Resolutions conveyed vide No. TC/16/2010 dated 11/03/2010.
04	Kamorta	Resolutions conveyed vide No. TC/16/2010 dated 11/03/2010.
05	Chowra	Resolutions conveyed vide No. CTC/Chowra/2010/046 dated 16/03/2010.
06	Car Nicobar	Resolutions conveyed vide No. 1-1/Gen/TC-CN/2009-10/1051 dated 15/03/2010.
07	Katchal	Tribal Council Resolution still awaited.

The consensus arrived at the meeting with the Tribal Councils in Nicobar District and tribal representatives from Harmander Bay with regard to the proposed composition of different levels of self governance for the tribal people as per the Regulation may be seen Island-Wise at *Annexure - A, B, C, D & E*.