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<p>iii) MHA to carefully examine the reasonability of introducing the proposed Regulation at the time keeping in view the level of awareness and education of the persons who shall follow these regulations</p>	<p>So far this Union Territory is concerned it is felt that this is the right time to notify this Regulation as the traditional tribal councils are functioning, though, without direct financial and administrative powers conferred upon them by the Government. The draft Tribal Council Regulation has been proposed mainly to cater to the needs of Nicobarese tribe who are otherwise well educated. The literacy rate in the Nicobar District predominately inhabited by the Nicobarese is 63.08% as per the 2001 census as compared to national literacy rate of 65%.</p>
<p>iv) the Election Commissioner appointed under section 185 of the Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation is empowered only in respect of</p>	<p>Provision has already been made under draft Regulation at Section <sup>74</sup>131. However, as advised by the Ministry of Law &amp; Justice, a separate proposal for amendment</p>