

- (v) "section" means section of this Regulation;
- (w) "tax" means a tax, cess, rate or other impost leviable under this Regulation;
- (x) "Union Territory" means the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (y) "village" means a village in the District specified by the Administrator by public notification to be a village for the purpose of this Regulation and includes a group of villages so specified;
- (z) "Village Council" means a Village Council constituted under section 11;

CHAPTER-II

VILLAGE GENERAL BODY

3. The Administrator shall, by notification in the Official Gazette, constitute a Village General Body to be known by such name as may be specified in the said notification for each village or a group of villages notified under clause (y) of section 2. Constitution of Village General Body.

4. A Village General Body shall consist of Nicobari Tribals registered in the electoral roll relating to that village or group of villages comprised within the area of a Village Council: Composition of Village General Body.

Provided that a Nicobari Tribal shall be disqualified from being member of the General Body if he is —

- (a) not a citizen of India;
- (b) less than eighteen years of age;
- (c) of unsound mind and stands so declared by competent court; and
- (d) not ordinarily a resident within the village for which the Village General Body is constituted.

Explanation .— For the purpose of this Regulation, a person shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident in a village if he has been ordinarily residing in such village or is in possession of a dwelling house therein ready for occupation.

5. Every Village General Body shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be imposed by or under this Regulation, have power to acquire, hold, administer and transfer property, both movable and immovable, and to enter into any contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued: Incorporation of Village General Body

Provided that the powers and duties of the Village General Body shall, save as otherwise expressly provided in this Regulation, be exercised, performed and discharged by the Village Council constituted under section 11.

6. (1) The Administrator may, in consultation with the Village General Body or the Village General Bodies concerned, at any time by notification in the Official Gazette — Alteration in area of Village General Body

- (a) include any area in a village; or
- (b) exclude any area from a village; or
- (c) declare that any local area shall cease to be a village.