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Car Nicobar, dated 30th April 2009

To,
The Secretary, Tribal Welfare
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Sub: - Draft A & N I (Tribal Councils) Regulation 2008 –reg

Madam,

I am directed to furnish information/clarification regarding some points on Draft A & N I (Tribal Councils) Regulation 2008 which were discussed between yourself and Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar over telephonic conversation on 28/04/09.

The point wise information/clarification is as below:

1. Total Tribal & Non-Tribal Population of the District/Area wherever the Draft Regulation will be applicable.

Information:

The total population of Great Nicobar Island is 7000 approximately. Out of this 200 persons are in Tribal Population who are residing in the same Island and One small Island adjacent to it. Great Nicobar & Little Andaman Islands are revenue areas where Tribal and Non Tribal people both are living. The Non-Tribal people/area is covered in panchayat system that is already in existence. This panchayat is a part and parcel of Zilla Parishad of South Andaman District that is not a tribal district. The Tribal people of Great Nicobar Island will be covered in the proposed A & N (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2008. These people are not having voting rights in the existing panchayat system. Similarly Nicobarie Tribal people (-in number) residing in Little Andaman Island that is a part of South Andaman District are not having voting right in the existing Panchayat System. These people are also covered under Draft Regulation.

Nancowrie Sub-Division with 05 Tribal Islands is having 8421 tribal population and 1466 non tribal population approximately.

Car Nicobar Islands is having 17000 tribal population and 200 non tribal population approximately.

2. Justification for two tier system

Information:

It is to inform that Nicobar District is declared as a tribal district in which traditionally village councils at Village level and Tribal Councils at Island level in each Island are existing for a long time. Representatives in these two tiers are being elected through elections among themselves. These each Tribal Councils are independent from each other due to geographical reasons as these Islands are not connected to each other. Hence concept of having three tier system i.e District level Tribal Council could not evolved among these Islands. The local