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**PROPOSAL FOR PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE  
SUPPORTING MECHANISM FOR THE PROPOSED ISLAND/  
VILLAGE COUNCILS ALONG WITH JUSTIFICATION**

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.

**Operationalisation of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2009**

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 05<sup>th</sup> and 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at Community Hall, Perka village, Car Nicobar under the chairmanship of Chairman (ITDA).

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 are as follows:-

**ISLAND - WISE DETAILS OF THE SELF - GOVERNANCE FOR THE  
TRIBAL PEOPLE**

**Car Nicobar Island**

Sl.No	Name of the Village Council	Total Electors as per General Election 2009	Name of the village(s) comprising village council	Number of Ward Member Constituency	Name of the of Ward Constituency
1.	Mus	1166	Mus	6	Mus-1 Mus-2 Mus-3 Mus-4 Mus-5 Mus-6
2.	Big Lapathy	755	Big Lapathy	4	Big Lapathy-1 Big Lapathy-2 Big Lapathy-3 Big Lapathy-4