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Sub: Andaman and Nicobar Tribal Regulation 2009.

Dear Mrs Bhamathi,

With reference to our telephonic talk this morning, and in continuation of this Ministry's Office Memorandum of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, we would like to add that:

- (a) We foresee no problem with the constitution of a District Planning Committee wherein the Chief Captains of Island Councils are ex-officio members; and
- (b) We are in favour of the Tribal Regulation being made applicable only to the Nicobarese, **excluding others**. This will ensure that the interests of the Nicobarese will be maintained, and not subsumed by the interests of non-Nicobarese settlers.

2. The Shom Pen settlements have been proposed to be excluded in Chapter (1) Para 1(2) and 2(g) essentially because the Nicobarese should not subsume the Shom Pen through this regulation.

3. This communication issues without showing to Minister who is in the process of settling down.

Regards

Yours sincerely,  
  
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