


body normally does not supervise the work of another elected body but only coordinates at a higher level.

- (vi) In Regulation 9(4), MHA has suggested that one-tenth of the total number of members of the Village General Body shall form the quorum for a meeting. The A&N Administration has suggested that one-fifth of the total number of members of the Village General Body should form the quorum. As per general practice in the local bodies, one-tenth of the members being present constitute a quorum. The A&N Administration has not given any grounds for enhancing this to one-fifth. Hence, the MHA view should prevail. Since the majority of the population in Nicobar District is tribal, the Village Governing bodies could however be given more powers as the practice in the states that have areas covered under the Fifth Schedule and which are governed by the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996.
- (vii) Chapter VIII relating to constitution of the District Council has been proposed to be deleted by the A&N Administration while constitution of DPC has been proposed. Since the population of Nicobar District is very small, it is desirable to have only a two-tier system. Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj is of the view that a District Council should be constituted as per the provisions proposed by MHA and this can perform the functions of DPC. Having Islands Councils may not be necessary in view of the small population.

It is hoped that the view of the MoPR will be taken into account while finalizing the A&N Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation 2009.

With regards,

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