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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Port Blair dated 18th June, 2009

To

Smti B.Bhamati
Joint Secretary(ANL)
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt of India,
Ministry Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi.

Madam,

Please refer to your letter No.U-11023/2/06-UTL dated 16th June 2009 enclosing therewith the letter of Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj containing the comments of that Ministry on the proposed Tribal Council Regulations 2009. The response to each of the observations raised by the Joint Secretary Ministry of Panchayati Raj is given below:-

1. It has been observed by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj that the proposal for extension of the Tribal Council Regulations 2009 to Nicobari settlement areas outside the Nicobar District appears to be an odd arrangement, creating a patch work situation and not feasible for exercising any kind of authority by the District Administration. The factual position is that there is only one Nicobari settlement, Harminder Bay that lies outside the Nicobar District. The Nicobar District Administration would not have any difficulty in exercising democratic authority in that settlement because Harminder Bay will be a part of the Car Nicobar Island Council. There is a similar situation existing in Great Nicobar area where Campbell Bay revenue area lying at the southern most tip of the Nicobar group of islands falls under the South Andaman District Administration and is covered by the Zilla Parishad of South Andaman District. So if the Panchayati Regulations of South Andaman District can operate in a small corner of Great Nicobar Island, it should be equally possible for the Tribal Council regulations to operate in a small corner of the Little Andaman Island.