

Para-4(iii) & (iv)

This is acceptable to the Administration and the appropriate changes in the text of the Tribal Council Regulations at 1 (2) and 2(g) may be carried out by the Ministry.

Para-4(iv)

This is for deletion of the definition of "Tuhet" from chapter-1 Para-2(w) as this word does not appear anywhere in the text of the Tribal Council Regulation. This can be accepted. ,

Para- V

The Administration does not agree to the suggestion to redraft Regulation 4(2) as the provision has been drafted keeping in view the ground realities in Nicobar District. It may be noted that the concept of individual ownership of land or house is not known to the Nicobarese. The entire land in the Tribal area is held under community ownership and non-tribals have no ownership rights within this area.

Para-vi

It is understood that Nicobari is used as an adjective and Nicobarese is a collective/ plural Noun. The term Nicobari has been used in this sense in chapter II, 9(2).

Para-vii

It is the view of the A&N Administration that it may not be appropriate to place one elected body under the supervision, guidance and control of another elected body. Hence it cannot concur to this suggestion.

Para-viii

The A&N Administration proposes to enact rules that would also address this aspect of the functioning of the Tribal Councils, so does not feel the need to modify chapter-IV paras-(29) and (30) of the proposed Tribal Council Regulations.