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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.
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Office Memorandum

Sub: The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation 2009 – Comments reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to Joint Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs' D.O. letter NO.11023/2/06-UTL dated 30th April, 2009, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and MHA's communication NO.11023/2/2006-UTL dated 27th May, 2009, on the subject cited above, and to say that earlier the Draft ANI (Tribal Council) Regulation 2008 was not received in the Ministry.

2. The draft Regulation 2009 has been examined in this Ministry and the following views are offered keeping in mind the obvious intention that the Regulation is meant to offer greater autonomy to the Nicobarese in their villages and Islands.

3. We are happy to note from the Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. dated 27th May, 2009 that the "various Tribal Councils and other concerned authorities" have been consulted in the preparation of the Regulation 2009.

4. Comments:

(i) Even though 2009 Regulations are a simplified version of the 2006 draft, we are of the opinion that the present Regulations can still be consolidated and condensed by:

(a) Not repeating some of the items in the body of the draft as well as in the Second Schedule (for example Regulation 35(2) need not be repeated in para 2(e), 2(j), 10(c) of the Second Schedule); and

for urgent action, to.

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