

Please refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 15th May, 2009 regarding the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation, 2009.

- 2. Comments/clarifications of the ANI Administration, inter alia, on the issue of restricting representation in the Village Governing Body to the tribals only have not been received. Further, the comments of the UT Administration on the observations made by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, as sought vide our D.O. letter of even number dated 5th June, 2009 are still awaited.
- 3. As the Government proposes to finalise the Regulation in consultation with the Ministry of Law (Legislative Department) on a priority basis, the comments of the UT Administration may be furnished immediately and, in any case, latest by 15.6.2009.

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Yours sincerely,

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