PUC is the letter dated 27.6.2009 received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi addressed to the Chief Secretary, A & N Admn., Port Blair regarding Andaman & Nicobar Tribal Council Regulation. In response to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration's D.O. letter No. 1-849-2009-TW dtd. 14th July, 2009 at page 100/C, the Govt. of India has informed that there is no para 1(6) in the Second Schedule. They have noticed that the UT Administration has proposed to delete para 6(b) & 6(f) in the Second Schedule. They have further pointed out that the UT Administration has earlier communicated vide its letter dated 19-6-2009 at page 95/C that "no specific suggestions having being made, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration prefers to retain the Second Schedule para in its present format" They have requested this Administration to clarify the above point urgently.

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In this context it is stated that on a subsequent examination, it was felt that items 6 (b) & 6 (f) had been wrongly included in the Second Schedule, because at the time of natural calamities, the role of Deputy Commissioner & Disaster Management Authority is central in providing assistance to residents. Similarly opening fair price shops is the core responsibility of the Civil Supplies Department It was thought necessary to avoid such delicacy of roles, hence finally deleted.

If approved, we may send a reply to the MHA, Govt. of India on the above lines. Accordingly a draft reply is put up for perusal and approval please.

Submitted please.

Research Officer (J)

May kindly be applaced.

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