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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

सचिवालय

SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated the 16th June, 2009.

To

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

Sub: Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Tribal Council) Regulation
2009 - reg.

Madam,

Please refer to the letter No. 11023/2/2006-UTL dated the 14th May, 2009 addressed to the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration sent by Shri ML Varma, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the concerns expressed by the Union Ministry of Law and Justice about exclusion of non-tribal population from the proposed Tribal Council Regulation. Valid and convincing justification has been sought which is provided below:

As informed telephonically, of the total population of approximately 35,000 in the Nicobar District, around 32,700 are tribal people both Nicobarese and Shompen. The former are covered by the Tribal Council Regulation. Regarding voting rights of the non-tribal population numbering approximately 1600, it is emphasized that most of them are Government servants posted in the Nicobar District for a fixed tenure. They are covered under the A&N Islands (Panchayat) Regulation, 1994 either under Municipal area or under Panchayat area of these islands. As such their inclusion in the Tribal Council Regulation is not necessitated.