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Under Village Courts; the Village Council for each village or a small body constituting of not less than three members of the Council as elected by the Council in this behalf shall sit as the Village Court.

Under Subordinate District Council Courts; each court shall be presided over by a Judicial Officer to be designated as Magistrate to be appointed by the Executive Committee with the approval of the Governor and such Judicial Officer shall also as Recorder of the court.

Under District Council Court; the Court shall consist of three Judicial Officers. One of the Judicial Officer shall be nominated by the District Council as the President and Recorder of the Court. (A xerox copy of the relevant portion of constitution of courts of Autonomous District of Lashai Hills, Pawi Hills and Lakher Autonomous District may kindly be perused at page 161- 180/C).

In this context it may be mentioned that the provisions of Sixth Schedule of the Constitution of India apply to the Administration of tribal areas in the States of Assam, Maghalaya, Tripura and Mizoram, while the Andaman & Nicobar Islands are not covered under the Sixth Schedule. Hence, it will be necessary to amend the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution if this Administration is to go for an Autonomous District Tribal Council Regulation on the pattern of North and East States. A Xerox copy of the relevant portion of the sixth schedule is placed at page 183/c for perusal please.

In the meanwhile the Deputy Commissioner (Nicobar) vide his U.O No. 1-8/Tribal Council/DCN/2008/99 dated 10.2.2008 enclosing there-with a copy of resolution passed by the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar regarding removal of Chapter -7, 8 and 9 from the draft Tribal Council Regulation 2007. The Deputy Commissioner (Nicobar) has informed that the meeting was convened by him involving all the members of Tribal Council on 7.3. 2008 to deliberate on the communication received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India in connection with Chapter 7, 8 and 9 of the Regulation and it was also explained to them the reason for the objection raised by the Government of India as regards to the Village Judicial Council and its powers. In response to which the Tribal Council has expressed their concern that they do not have any objection for removal of Chapter-7, 8 and 9 from the draft Regulation provided that they in traditional way of dealing with a small dispute arising within the village are not affected even though that may not have legal sanction. In this context a resolution passed by the Tribal Council is placed at page 184/c which may kindly be perused.