

- (aa) "1st Captain / 2nd Captain" means 1st Captain / 2nd Captain of a Village Level Tribal Council elected under relevant sections of this Regulations.
- (ab) "Chief Captain / Vice-Chief Captain", mean Chief Captain / Vice-Chief Captain of an Island Level Tribal Council elected under relevant sections of this regulation.
- (ac) "Tuhet" means and include the Nicobarese traditional extended joint family.

**CHAPTER-II**  
**VILLAGE GENERAL BODY**

- 3. The Administrator shall by Notification in the Official Gazette constitute general body for each village or group of villages within the area of a Village Council.
- 4.(i) A Village General Body shall consist of persons registered in the electoral roll relating to area of a Village Council.

Provided that a person shall be disqualified from being member of the General Body if he

- (a) is less than 18 years of age;
  - (b) is not a citizen of India;
  - (c) is of unsound mind and stands so declared by competent court; and
  - (d) is not ordinarily a resident within the village for which the General Body is constituted;
- (ii) A person shall be deemed to be ordinarily resident in a village if ST has been ordinarily residing in such village or is in possession of a dwelling house therein ready for occupation.
- 5. Every Village General Body shall, by the name notified in the Official Gazette under section 8, be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, subject to such restrictions and conditions imposed by or under this Regulation, have power to acquire, hold, administer, transfer property, both movable and immovable, and to enter into any contract and shall, by the said name, sue or be sued:

Provided that the powers and duties of the Village General Body shall save as otherwise expressly provided in this Regulation, be exercised, performed and discharged by the Village Council constituted under Section 11.

- 6.(i) The Administrator may in consultation with the Village General Body or the Village General Bodies concerned, at any time by notification in the Official Gazette
  - (a) include any area in a village;
  - (b) exclude any area from a village; or
  - (c) declare that any local area shall cease to be a village
- (ii) Where, by a notification under sub-section (i), any area is included in the village, such area shall thereby become subject to all notifications, rules, byelaws and orders made under this Regulation or any other law in force in the area within the jurisdiction of the Village General Body.