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**F.No.1-849/2004-TW / 786**  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS**  
**Department of Tribal Welfare**

Port Blair, the 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2006.

As desired by the Development Commissioner, A & N Islands, a status report on the draft Tribal Council Regulation formulated by this Administration and referred to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs is furnished as under :

A draft Tribal Council was formulated by this Administration in 1996, and it was circulated among the traditional Tribal Councils to ascertain their views. After a long persuasion, Tribal Councils conveyed their consent to the draft Regulation. The Regulation to be promulgated under Article 240 of the Constitution was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs vide Special Secretary (TW)'s letter No. 1-849/2004-TW/86 dated 01/02/2006.

Later Ministry of Home Affairs sought the comments / views of the A & N Administration on the suggestions made by Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India who have suggested to incorporate enabling provisions of Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 in the draft Tribal Council Regulation.

After appropriately incorporating the suggestions, the modified draft Regulation was sent to Ministry of Home Affairs vide this Administration's letter No.1-849/2004-TW/631 dated 28/07/2006.

Director (TW)

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Secretary (TW)

Development Commissioner