

Status report on the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2006

The draft Tribal Councils Regulation to be promulgated under Article 240 of the Constitution was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide Special Secretary (TW)'s letter No. 1-849/2004-TW/86 dated 01.02.2006.

Later Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India sought the comments / views of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration on the suggestions made by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India to incorporate the enabling provisions of the Panchayat (Extension to the Schedule Areas) Act, 1996 (PESA Act) in the draft Tribal Councils Regulation.

After appropriately incorporating the suggestions, the modified draft Regulation has been sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide this Administration's letter No. 1-849/2004-TW/631 dated 28.07.2006.

Further this Administration has responded to the latest letter No. U-11023/2/06-UTL dated 27.2.2007 of Ministry of Home Affairs vide our letter No. 1-849/2005-TW/03 dated 4.4.2007 (Copy enclosed).

As per the minutes of the meeting to review follow of action on 11th meeting of Standing Committee of Island Development Authority (IDA) held under the Chairmanship of Member-Secretary, Planning Commission in Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi, on 3rd May, 2006, the representative of MHA informed that draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal councils) Regulations, 2006 for participation and involvement of tribal people in Administration and development, after inter-Ministerial consultations, had been referred to Ministry of Law for clearance from legal and constitutional angle.