

**No. 1-849/2007-TW/  
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
Directorate of Tribal Welfare**

*Port Blair, dated the September' 2007*

To

The Deputy Commissioner,  
Nicobar District,  
Car Nicobar

**Sub: Promulgation of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2006 under Article 240 of the Constitution - reg.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No. U-11023/2/06-UTL dated 7<sup>th</sup> September'2007 from the Under Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi addressed to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration regarding above mentioned subject. The Govt. of India had sought the views of the A & N Administration on the observation made by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice vide their letter referred to above.

In this context, it is stated that the draft Tribal Council Regulation was formulated in consultation with the tribal people i.e. Nicobarese and was referred to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs for approval. Further, it is stated that the provisions in the draft Tribal Council Regulation are almost similar to those exist in the A & N Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994. Chapter 7 of the said Regulation under heading Nyay Panchayat with Section 53 to section 105 deals Nyay Panchayat, powers of Nyay Panchayat and procedure in cases and suits. Similar provision is made in the proposed Tribal Council Regulation from Section 53 to Section 105 with the heading Village Judicial Council and procedure in cases and suits.

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