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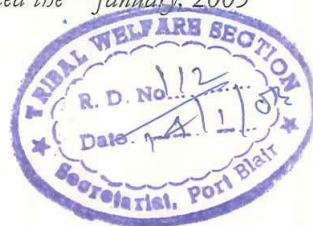
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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR OF COOP. SOCIETIES  
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

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Port Blair, dated the 13 January, 2003

To

*The Director of Tribal Welfare,  
Andaman and Nicobar Administration,  
Secretariat, Port Blair*



**Sub:- General Opinion questionnaire for eliciting information on the terms of reference of Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission under article 339(1) of the Constitution of India.**

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Sir,

Kindly refer to your DO letter No. 1-812/2002-TW dated 9.12.2002 regarding the Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission under article 339(1) of the Constitution of India and furnishing the replies to the questionnaire relating to Cooperation cum-Marketing, personal policy and Evaluation on the Scheduled areas and Scheduled Tribes.

A brief note and reply to the questionnaire relevant to this department is as under:-

1. The Union Territory "Andaman and Nicobar Islands" comprises of two Districts namely Andaman District and Nicobar District. In this Island territory as per the Schedule there are 6 Primitive Aboriginal Tribes inhabited viz Nicobari, Ongese, Great-Andamanese, Sentinalese, Shompens and Jarawas. The first 3 Category tribals have been brought under the Cooperative fold. Rest of the 3 categories are yet to be brought under the main stream of Cooperation.

Nicobar District mainly concentrated with 100% tribal population of Nicobaree Tribes whose life style and economic stay is fully dependent on the Plantation Produces like Copra, Areca- nut etc. These Plantation crops are being marketed by the tribals through their primary level coop. societies functioning at the village level known as PANAM HINNENGO At present there are 30 PANAM HINNENGO of which 15 each at Car Nicobar and Nancowry Group of Islands, in Nicobar District. At the Central Level there are two Central Marketing Coop. Societies namely ELLON HINNENGO LTD Car Nicobar and Manula Matai Ltd at Nancowry (Presently defunct) manned and managed by 100% tribal folks channelizing the marketing of the plantation Products of their primaries. Besides, there are other Primary Coop. Societies