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Panchayats in tribal areas.

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. 3-5/2004-PR dated 28.12.2001 on the above cited subject and to inform that tribal areas being exempt from the provision of A & N Islands Panchayat Regulation, there are no Panchayats in the tribal areas. So no schemes, posts, assets etc. under sector "Welfare of SC, STS & OBCs" are proposed to be transferred to the PRIs.

However, a draft Tribal Council Regulation for formation of Autonomous District Tribal Council in Nicobars has been referred to the existing Tribal Council to ascertain its opinion. The transfer of schemes/funds to the Autonomous District Tribal Council could be considered only after it has been formally constituted which is

still awaited.

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