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To

The Joint Secretary  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs  
Shastri Bhawan  
New Delhi - 110 001

**Sub:-** Approval of draft rules for grant-in-aid to Nicobarese Tribal Councils, A&N Islands - re

Sir,

Please refer Ministry of Tribal Affairs Office memorandum No. 18014/1/2003 C&M I, dated 16/23rd November 2004 regarding the above mentioned subject.

Taking into account the comments / suggestions of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the draft rules governing grant-in-aid to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils have been revised and a revised copy of the draft rules is enclosed. It is, therefore, requested that this matter be kindly looked into and the draft rules be got approved by the Govt. of India at the earliest so that the Tribal Councils can be sanctioned grant-in-aid on regular basis in terms of the approved grant-in-aid rules. In this regard it may be noted that the Tribal Councils urgently need financial assistance for creation of various community facilities and undertaking other developmental works in the tribal villages in the wake of the Tsunami disaster that hit these Islands on 26/12/2004.

Encl.: A/A

Yours faithfully,

(Uddipta Ray)  
Secretary (TW)  
(C.F. No.: T5-2005-46)

Copy to the Deputy Resident Commissioner, A&N Administration, A&N Bhawan, New Delhi with request to pursue with the concerned Ministry to expedite approval of the grant-in-aid rules.