

Accordingly, the grant-in-aid Rules giving grant-in-aid to Tribal Council received back from the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal affairs with certain observations vide their letter No. 18014/1/2003 C&LM.II dated 23.11.2004 are being examined and the revised grant-in-aid rules will be submitted shortly.

In the wake of the twin disasters i.e Earth-quake and Tsunami which struck these Islands on 26.12.2004, the Nicobarese tribals have been badly affected. Almost all the tribal villages including their cultural institutions have been washed away. So, they need financial assistance for reconstruction of the community facilities.

Accordingly, grant-in-aid to the tune of Rs. 27.00 lakh has been sanctioned to the eight Nicobarese Tribal Councils by Lt.Governor, A&N Islands for reconstruction of the community facilities in the affected tribal villages with the concurrence of local Finance of the Administration.

It is, therefore, requested to convey the ex-post-facto approval of the Govt. of India for release of grant-in-aid to the tune of Rs. 27.00 lakhs to eight Nicobarese Tribal Councils for the construction of community facilities for the year 2004-05 at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary (TW)
(14-2003/7)

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The Deputy Resident Commissioner, A&N Administration, New Delhi with a request to pursue with the concerned Ministry to expedite Ex-post-facto sanction of the grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils.

Secretary (TW)