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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the 26th December'2005.

Dear Sir,

The following proposals are pending with the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs:

1. Approval of revised Draft Rules governing grant-in-aid to Nicobarese Tribal Councils referred vide letter No. 1-804/2002-TW/1263 dated 30th June '2005 followed by reminders dated 12.8.05 and 19.10.05. (Copies enclosed for ready reference)
2. Ex-post facto approval for release grant-in-aid of Rs. 31.22 lakh to the Nicobarese Tribal Council during financial year 2004-2005 referred vide letter No. 1-804/2002-TW/1071 dated 24th March'2005 followed by reminder dated 15.04.05. (Copies enclosed for ready reference).
3. Proposal for extension of scheme of additional scholarship under sector - "Welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs of the UT Plan to the ST students for higher education in the colleges of the Island as well besides students of the colleges of mainland referred vide letter No. 1-116/2001-TW/1028 dated 10th March'2005 followed by reminder dated 21st April'2005. (Copies enclosed for ready reference).

In this context, it is stated that the tribal areas of the UT particularly Nicobar District, which is predominantly inhabited by the Nicobarese tribe had been badly hit by the earthquake and Tsunami that struck these Islands on 26.12.04. Most of the tribal habitations were washed away so they need financial assistance immediately for restoration of infrastructures and continuation of education of their wards etc.

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