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PUC is a letter dated 29/6/2004 of the Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi in response to this Administration's letter dated 24th March 2005 at page 139/c regarding ex-post-facto approval for release of grant-in-aid to Nicobarese Tribal Councils for creation of community facilities for the year 2004-05. The GOI has requested this Admn. to indicate the rule/regulation under which the approval of GOI for release of grant-in-aid is required. They have further requested as to furnish a copy of the said rule/regulation to enable the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to examine the matter.

In this connection it is stated that under rule 20 of the Delegation of Financial Powers Rules 1978, the Administrator (Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands) has full powers to sanction grant-in-aid provided that such grant-in-aid is in accordance with the pattern of assistance or rules governing such grant-in-aid has been approved by the Finance Ministry (integrated finance / associate finance concerned). But in the instant case, the rules governing release of grant-in-aid to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils is under consideration of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi. In this connection, please refer to this Administration's letter No. 1-804/2004-TW/1263 dated 30th June 2005 at page 152/c addressed to Joint Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi forwarding a copy of the revised rules for approval.

Since there are no approved rules governing release of grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils, ex-post-facto sanction of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs in respect of the grant-in-aid of Rs. 31.22 lakhs released to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils during the previous financial year (2004-05) is necessary. Accordingly, we may ask for ex-post-facto sanction of the Govt. of India in respect of the above grant-in-aid, if approved. A draft reply is put up for approval please.

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