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Port Blair, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2006.

To

The Joint Secretary,  
Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs,  
Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi- 110 001  
(Fax. No. 011-23073160)

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

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to this Administration's letter No. 1-804/2004-TW/1263 dated 30th June, 2005 (copy enclosed) followed by the reminders dated 12.8.2005, 19.10. 2005 and 26.12.005 on the subject mentioned above and to say that the approval of the Govt. of India for the draft rules governing grant-in-aid to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils of A & N Islands has not yet been received.

In this context it is stated that the grant-in-aid of Rs. 31.22 lakh in the previous financial year 2004-05 and Rs. 230 lakh during the current financial year 2005-06 have been sanctioned to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils by this Administration with the concurrence of the local Finance Department on the following ground/ logic:-

- (i) Draft grant-in-aid Rules framed by the Administration are under the consideration of the Govt. of India.
- (ii) Govt. of India is the authority to approve the grant-in-aid Rules.
- (iii) Authority to approve the grant-in-aid Rules could sanction the grant-in-aid case by case pending the notification of Rules.
- (iv) Assistance is necessary for Tribal Councils to undertake the reconstruction of tsunami devastated infrastructures in the Nicobar Islands.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly look into the matter and expedite approval of the draft grant-in-aid rules by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs being the Administrative Ministry in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and convey to this Administration at the earliest.

This issues with the approval of the Special Secretary (TW), A&N Administration.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: A/A

Research Officer (TW)  
(T6-GIA to Tribal Council)

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