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## No. 1-804/2004-TW/ 1372 ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE SECRETARIAT COMPLEX

Port Blair, dated the 12th August 2005

To

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

Sub: - Approval of draft Rules for Grant-in-aid to Nicobarese Tribal Councils-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to this Administration's letter No. 1-804/2004-TW/1263 dated 30.6.2005 forwarding the revised draft rules for grant-in-aid to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils for approval (copy enclosed)

In this context, it may stated that we have made a provision of Rs. 230 lakhs towards grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils under the Annual Plan-2005-06. The grant is to be released urgently to Tribal Councils to enable them to undertake reconstruction of community facilities which were devasted by tsunami that hit these islands on 26-12.2004 apart from the taking up developmental works.

You are therefore, requested kindly to look into the matter to get the grant-in-aid rules approved by the Govt. of India at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: A/A

Research Officer (TW)

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