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Port Blair, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> May, 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 (PF)/79 dated 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 (copy enclosed) 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.

During the current financial year 2006-07 there is a specific provision of Rs. 225.72 lakh to be released as grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils of Nicobarese to carry out the developmental works / activities in their areas, but this Administration is unable to release the grant-in-aid for want of the approved grant-in-aid rules.

I am, therefore, to request you kindly to 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.

Encl: A/A

Yours faithfully,

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

Copy is forwarded to the following:

- (1) The Deputy Resident Commissioner, A & N Bhavan, 12, Chankyapuri, New Chankya Cinema, New Delhi - 110021 with a request to kindly pursue with Ministry of Tribal Affairs to expedite approval of the grant-in-aid rules.
- (2) Shri. Gurdeep Singh, Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

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17/5/06

Research Officer (TW)