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This is regarding approval of draft rules for grant-in-aid to Nicobarese Tribal Councils of A&N Islands. We had requested the Joint Secretary, GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi to get the draft rules for grant-in-aid to Nicobarese Tribal Councils for A & N Islands approved by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India, being the Administrative Ministry, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance in terms of rule 148(2) of GFR and convey the approval to this Administration at the earliest vide Admn.'s last reminder dated 19.10.2005 at page 138/cor. We had also requested the Resident Commissioner, A&N Administration, Andaman Nicobar Bhawan, New Delhi to pursue with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to get the approval of the grant-in-aid rules expedited so that the grant-in-aid for the current year can be released to the Nicobarese Tribal Council without further delay vide this Admn.'s letter dated 25.10.2005 at page 139/cor. But the approval of the GOI is still awaited.

In this context it is 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. As the grant is to be released urgently to Tribal Councils to enable them to undertake reconstruction of these islands on 26.12.2005 apart from the taking up development works, the Administrator (Lt. Governor, A&N Islands) has sanctioned grant/ of Rs. 230 lakhs to the Tribal Councils of Nicobarese subject to obtaining ex-post facto sanction of the Govt. of India.

If approved, we may request the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs to expedite the approval of grant-in-aid rules and ex-post-facto sanction in respect of above grants. The Dy. Resident Commissioner, A & N Administration, Andaman Nicobar Bhawan, New Delhi may also be requested to pursue with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to get the approval of the grant-in-aid rules and ex-post-facto sanction in respect of above grants. Accordingly two draft reminders are put up for approval please.