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(ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS)

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Shri N.N.Jha
The Hon'ble Lt. Governor,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,
Raj Niwas,
PORT BLAIR.

SUB:- PLACING OF FUNDS WITH THE TRIBAL COUNCILS AT NICOBAR
DISTRICT AT PAR WITH PRI's - APPEAL FOR:-

Hon'ble Sir,

You are aware that Welfare and Protection of Nicobaree tribes in the predominantly tribal District of Nicobars are looked after by the traditional Tribal Councils in the village level as well as their Federal bodies at island level.

Ottimate attempt is being made to constitute Tribal Council at District level too.

The village level tribal councils are functioning from time immemorial and much before the concept of Panchayati Raj Institutional system was introduced in the country under the constitution. No doubt village Panchayats in all part of the country in some form or other, was existing from ancient time to decide the disputes and welfare of the villages but they were almost at the same level as our tribal councils are functioning.

After implementation of PRI's in the grass root level, taking villages as units, under the Constitutions of India, devolution of powers and providing of funds were considered forming Finance Commissions.

Similar Finance Commission for the Union Territories has also been constituted for attainment of the objectives and the Second Finance commissions have earmarked funds to the tune of Rs.67 Crores for the PRI's of the Andaman District in this Union Territory.

Since tribal councils, who performs similar function as that of PRI's in their respective areas of operation have not been considered for providing funds as being provided to PRI's by the Finance Commission through these are also strong institutions for self governance functioning from time immemorial and recognized as self government institutions for all practical purpose by the Local Administration, showing of the funds as for norms should have also been considered for these tribal

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