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councils. But unfortunately it has not happened.

This is perhaps on the logic that these bodies are not constituted of India.

Incidentally it needs to be pointed out that funds under TGSY and EAS, provided by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, are chanelized through these tribal councils by the Deputy commissioner, Nicobar District of the A & N Administration regularly and are spent as per the guidance by these councils.

This tribal councils are democratically elected bodies where elections are held periodically for a term of Four years through process of election by ballot and therefore truly tribal people's representative bodies.

Unfortunately inspite of similar status that of the PRI's and performing identical functions these institutions are deprived of financial support for under taking development works to fulfill the aspirations and needs of the tribes.

Even grant-in-aid is provided to PRI's for providing salary and wages of the employees of the PRI's but tribal councils, which are functioning without any financial help from the government, the salary and wages for the employees of the councils have to be borne from the resources generated by tribals themselves.

You would appreciate that this a discrimination in development process and tribal councils are ignored for their legitimate rights.

Trial is under process to bring this traditional tribal councils under constitutional frame work in the pattern of tribal councils constituted under the Constitution of India in North Eastern part of India, keeping however, in view the convention, values, and traditional system of the Nicobaree tribes to be preserved and honoured while regulations these councils by legislation of suitable Regulations under the xxx relevant schedule of the constitution of India.