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To  
Sh. Narandra Prasad,  
Chief Secretary,  
Andaman & Nicobar Island,  
Port Blair

Sir,

The National Commission for SCs/STs has submitted its Second Report for the year 1993-94 to the President on 9.7.96. This Report is to be placed before the Parliament along with the Action Taken Report. In this connection, the Ministry of Welfare might have already circulated the copies of the Report to your State Governments/UT Administrations for appropriate action.

2. As the Ministry of Home Affairs is concerned with the monitoring of crime statistics in the country and also the violation of various Acts, I would like to draw your attention to Chapter VII of the Report dealing with "atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes" requiring urgent necessary action by the law enforcement machinery of the State Governments. A copy of the Chapter VIII of the Report is endorsed for ready reference. The major recommendations are briefly given herebelow :-

- (i) Evaluation of the working of the Special Courts and remedial measures for ensuring speedy trial of atrocity cases. Further, the State Governments/UT Administrations who have not set up Special Courts may set up Special Courts exclusively to deal with atrocity cases.
- (ii) Atrocity-prone areas may be identified for taking preventive measures to save life and property of the members of the SCs/STs.
- (iii) Measures to be taken for economic and social rehabilitation of victims of atrocities. The scale of relief needed to be revised at least Rs 1 lakh to the family of a SC/ST person