## Reference Page 160-162/C

The PUC is the letter No. JMM/ 12/06 dated 18/11/06 of the State President, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, MB/ 13/4 Kalimandir Road, Prem Nagar, Port Blair, addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands and copy to the Member of Parliament regarding requisition for recommendation to include Chotanagpuri Tribals Orans, Mundas, Kharias, Santhalis, Lohras, Chik-Bariks and others in the Scheduled Tribe list of A & N Islands.

PUC enumerates the history of migration of Ranchi/Chotanagpuri Tribals to these islands at various periods with the request to recommend their demand to include Chotanagpuri Tribals residing in these islands in the Scheduled Tribe list of A & N Islands.

The minutes of the Hon,ble Lt. Governor recorded on the PUC is reproduced below:-

"Please forward this to the ST Commission MHA to look in to this case."

Sd/-Lt. Governor 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 06

The Chotanagpur Tribes are popularly known as Ranchis in this UT. The case for inclusion of Ranchis and Karens were examined by the Administration way back in 1994 and a view was taken that their inclusion in the list of STs of A & N Islands would be detrimental to the interest of aboriginal tribes of these islands. Therefore, their case was not recommended to the Govt. of India vide Administrations letter No. 1-581/9/-TW/1317 dated 18th October 1994 issued with the approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands (copy is placed at Page 72-73/C). This matter was again examined in the case of Ranchis of these islands and the same view has been reiterated. Accordingly the opinion of the Administration thereon was also communicated to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home affairs vide Administrations letter No. 1-554/2004-TW/1317 dated 20th July 2005 (Copy is placed at page 112-113/C)

Cont. P/11.

THE INC

(35)



