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May please refer to notes from para 120/n onwards. It is regarding Writ Petition No. 169 of 2005 of the Ranchi Association, Port Blair filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta seeking recognition of the Ranchi Tribes as Scheduled Tribes of theses Islands and extension of all such benefits to them in the light of Supreme Court Judgment order dated 11th February 2005.

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Earlier as advised by Secretary (Law) vide para 30/n and as noted at para 36/n, the draft Affidavit-in-opposition was obtained from the Ld. Govt. Advocate Shri, Hemraj Bahadur which is placed at flag 'A' (pages 137-142/c). The Secretary (Law) vide his note dated 6.1.2006 at para 51/n above has recorded that the content of the letter No. U-13034/127/2005-ANL dated 27.9.2005 (Page 56-57/c) of the Ministry of Home Affairs is not inconformity with the notification issued by Govt. of India, involving the ST order 1959. Accordingly, the Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested to issue fresh advice. As indicated above the advice from Ministry of Home Affairs has not yet been received.

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Further with reference to the advice of the Legal Department of the Administration at paras 122-124/n on page 44/n, a draft Affidavit-in-Opposition for an on behalf of Respondents 3,4,5 & 6 of Writ Petition filed by the Ranchi Association has been prepared and the same is placed opposite in the file for perusal.

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The Law Department of the Administration may vet the Affidavit-in-Opposition before it is made fair by the Govt. advocate and then filed by the respondent No. 5 (Secretary (TW)) in the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, Circuit Bench sitting at Port Blair from 5.6.2006.

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Submitted pleases.

Assistant Commissioner (TW)

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