

The Ranchis and the Karens are also far more advanced than even the most advanced Scheduled Tribes of these Islands i.e. the Nicobarese. In addition the Administration has also constituted the A&N Islands Commission for Other Backward Classes and the Ranchis and the Karens may get identified as OBCs when the process for identifying the OBCs in A&N Islands is taken up by the said Commission.

In view of the above, the Administration feels that inclusion of these two communities as Scheduled Tribes will be detrimental to the interests of the Scheduled Tribes of these Islands and therefore do not recommend as such.

Yours faithfully,

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