

PUC is No. SLG/PG0280/2007 dated 28/06/07 and enclosure addressed to the Special Secretary -cum Director (TW) is received from the Secretary to Lt. Governor, Raj Niwas, Port Blair regarding representation received from Dr. Gouranga Ch. Majhi, CPI (M) Local Committee, Diglipur by Hon'ble Lt. Governor A & N Islands on the following subject.

Formation of schedule tribe and schedule caste commission:-

Under several Govt. policy, in the pre and post independence days the people has been settled in these islands. Now they have been categorized as tribes, pre-42 settlers etc. All peoples come from different states, Bangladesh, Burma etc. Majority of them are belongs to either scheduled tribe or scheduled caste and weaker section of the society. All over India the govt. has given several facilities to develop the standard of living. But A & N Administration not implemented such facilities.

The CPIM local committee Diglipur demanding for formation of scheduled tribe and scheduled caste commission to identify the categories.

Secretary to Lt. Governor has requested to look into the matter and to send a report with in 15 days for perusal of Hon,ble Lt. Governor.

Regarding demand for formation of Scheduled Tribe and scheduled Caste Commission to identify the categories is concerned, it may state that as per the policy laid down by the Govt. of India in respect of migrant SC / ST communities, if a person migrates from one State to another State he / she can claim to belong to a caste / tribe / community only in relation to State which he/she originally belongs and not in respect of the State to which he/she has migrated. Therefore, migrant communities are not the original inhabitants of these islands as like other aboriginal tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes of A & N Islands would be detrimental to the interest of aboriginal tribes of these islands.

A decision on above lines was taken by the Administration in the matter of requisition for recommendation to include Ranchi Community in the Scheduled Tribe list of A & N Islands received from State President, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, and Port Blair, vide letter No. JMM/ 12/06 dated 18/11/06 and their demand was forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs and copy to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes New Delhi vide our letter No. 1-554/2004-TW/ 1072 dated 8.12.2006 as desired by then Hon'ble Lt. Governor.(Copy at page 167-175/C)

Similar decision was again taken in the matter of a joint memorandum submitted by the A & N units of AIDMK, BSP, CPI, CPI (M), CPI (ML), DMK, JMM & RJD, demanding "Constitution of a Commission for A & N Islands for identification of SC/ST", and their memorandum was sent to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi for further advise vide our letter No. 1-793/2001-TW/133 dated 15/5/07 and copy to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes New Delhi. (Copy at Page 200/C)