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To

 The Lt. General (retd) M.M. Lakhera,
 The Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor,
 Andaman & Nicobar Islands
 Raj Niwas, Port Blair.

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Sub: Chotanagpuri Tribals residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands qualify for the scheduled tribal status with respect to Andaman & Nicobar Union Territory - reg.

Hon'ble Sir,

With reference to the meeting on 19/4/06 of all political parties, chaired by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Lt. General (retd.) M.M. Lakhera held at Raj Niwas I dare to present the real condition of Chotanagpuri tribals locally called "Ranchis".

I. The Orans, the Mundas, the Kharias and other tribals from Old Chatonagpur, which comprises parts of the states, Jharkhand, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhyapradesh, Orissa, and West Bengal were brought by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration through Catholic Labour Bureau Ranchi, Sen Ushman depot Challan, Henu, Ranchi. Since the labour recruiting center for Andaman & Nicobar Islands was Ranchi Town, these labourers were called "Ranchis" in A & N Islands. At present their population is about 65,000, 13% percent of the total population of A & N Islands.

II. Negative Attitude of Andaman & Nicobar Administration towards the "Ranchis":-

- (a) Andaman & Nicobar Administration has no records of the arrival & contribution of these tribals for the development of these Islands. It is no doubt that Ranchi tribal labourers shed their sweat & blood for the development of these Islands.
- (b) The D.O. letter No. V16012/6/80 ANL dated 5/10/1981 from Shri. R.V. Pillai Joint Secretary Ministry of Home affairs addressed to Shri. B.K. Singh, Chief Secretary A & N Administration was not implemented. According to this letter there was 3000 tribal post / service under A & N Administration vacant for STs, among them only 269 post were filled up. The direction was to fill up the rest of the post with migrated ST candidates (ANNEXURE (B1)).
- (c) During the year 1946 to 1956; 9690 Ranchi labourers were recruited in the forest department alone, to construct the huts & to convert the forest lands into cultivating lands for the Bengali refugees. The children of these labourers were not given the