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- (d) After the independence of India, the Bengali refugee settlement was introduced in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, huge man power was required for this purpose, during the year 1946 to 1956, 9690 Chotanagpuri labourers were recruited in the forest department alone. (vide record Chitram Saw Mill Vol. I & Vol. II)
- (e) In 1956 Ranchi Settlers were settled in Baratang & Ram Nagar; in 1961 Hanspuri was Settled by Ranchies. Besides in Campbell Bay some Ranchis were settled in Ex-Servicemen Settlement Scheme. The Ranchi labourers were brought by the Andaman Administration through various agencies till 1965.

No body can deny the sincere and honest work of Chotanagpuri tribals in these Islands. The criteria to include any community in the tribe list of the state or U.T is how much that community has contributed for the development of state or Union Territory. The Ranchi Tribe Community, socially, economically & educationally the most backward fulfills the criteria, hence qualify for the tribal status with respect to A & N Union Territory.

VIII. Our Demand for

- (i) Immediate visit of National Commission for scheduled Tribes to identify the Chotanagpuri Tribals.
- (ii) Constitution of the A & N Commission for scheduled tribes.
- (iii) Initiation and recommendation of Lieutenant governor for the inclusion of Chotanagpuri tribals in the tribal list of A & N Islands.
- (iv) In grass root level the special care for the children of these tribal labours should be provided and for higher education some seats should be reserved.

Sir, there is no other way for the betterment of Ranchis than to provide them the tribal status, the constitutional right.

Thanking you,

Date: 1/6/2006

Yours faithfully,

(AGAPIT KUJUR)

State President

JMM, A & N Islands.

Encl: Copy attached Annexure A1, A2 and B1. B₂