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68 PUC is copy of letter No. KSWA/F-I/12 dated 7/7/2007 of Shri K. Kalaiselvam, General Secretary, Katchal Settlers Welfare Association, Mildra, Katchal Island, addressed to the Hon'ble Home Minister of India and copy to Hon'ble Lt. Governor and the Chief Secretary among others regarding grant of Tribal status to Katchal Settlers.

69 In this regard it is stated that six aboriginal tribal communities who originally belong to the Islands namely the Great Andmanese, the Onges, the Jarawa, the Sentinelese, the Shompens and the Nicobarese have already been notified as the Scheduled Tribes in respect of the UT of A & N Islands by the Government of India by a notification Scheduled Castes order 1959 (copy at page 98/C). Since they are not the original inhabitants of these islands like other aboriginal tribes of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, their demand for grant of tribal status may not be considered in view of the fact that their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes of A & N Islands would be detrimental to the interests of Scheduled Tribes of these Islands.

20 Regarding their demand for allotment of Agriculture Land and resettlement in any other non tribal area is concerned, if approved we may obtain the views of the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District.

A draft letter is put up for approval please.

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