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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
SECRETARIAT

Port Blair, dated 12th Oct. 94

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To

Shri B.B. Baruri,  
Deputy Secretary,  
Govt. of India,  
Ministry of Welfare  
NEW DELHI.

Sub:- Revision of SCs & STs list.

Sir,

I am to refer to your letter number 12016/17/81-SCD(R.Cell), A&N Islands dated 8.4.94 regarding the above mentioned subject.

The Administration had carried out Socio-economic survey of Ranchi communities of Bihar and Karens to collect their ethnographic details including the population, background history etc. at the instance of the Govt. of India vide their letter number 12016/17/81-SC & BCD-IV/I(R|Cell) dated 8.5.91.

In this context it may be pointed out that initially the Ranchis from Bihar have been settled in these Islands under the rehabilitation scheme of the Govt. of India. Later on, a sizeable population of the Ranchis have migrated from their State of origin, i.e. Bihar on their own and settled in these Islands. As regards, Karens, they were initially brought to these Islands by the erstwhile British Administration of India in 1925-26 to work as labourers in the Forest Department and subsequently settled in these Islands. Thus, both Ranchis and Karens are originally migrant communities and they are not original inhabitants of these Islands unlike the aboriginal tribes of these Islands. As per the existing instructions of the Govt. of India, local residents of these Islands including Ranchis and Karens are given preference for appointment to group C and D posts. They are also eligible for allotment of seats in various professional courses in the educational institutions in the mainland.

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