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(82) PUC an article dated 15.11.2007 of Reuters India received from the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration regarding a march conducted by the Chotanagpur Tribes (popularly known as Ranchi Community in this UT) at Port Blair on 15/11/2007 demanding they be declared tribal people as that would entitle them to special privilege.

(83) In this regard, it may state that Chotanagpur Tribes residing in this UT (popularly known as Ranchi Community) are demanding for recognition as a Scheduled Tribe of A & N Islands. They migrated to these islands during British time and onwards and settled in these islands due to employment, agriculture, economic and other social reasons. They are STs in relation to their state of origin ie. Bihar, Jharkhand etc.

(84) Their demand for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribe list was examined by the UT Administration way back in 1994 (at page 169/C), in 2005 (at page 171/C) in 2006 (at page 201/C) and in May 2007 (at page 200/C) and the Administration's view on this issue was that Ranchi People are migrant communities and 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.

Submitted for information please.

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