ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE,

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Port Blair, dated 15th May, 2007.

To

    The Secretary,
    Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs,
    Shastri Bhavan,
    New Delhi. 110 001

Sub:- Demand of Chotanagpuri Tribals   for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribe list of A & N Islands- regarding.

Sir,

    I am directed to refer to your kind attention on the above mentioned subject and to state that the Chotanagpuri Tribals such as   Orans, Mundas, Kharias, Santhalis, Lohras, Chik-Bariks and others are demanding since past for recognition as a Scheduled Tribe   of A & N Islands. In this context a copy of joint memorandum submitted   by the A & N units of AIDMK, BSP, CPI, CPI (M), CPI (ML), DMK, JMM & RJD, demanding "Constitution of a Commission for A & N Islands for identification of SC/ST" is enclosed for further advice in this regard.

    It may state that the people belonging to above said community migrated to these islands during British times onwards and settled by themselves (not under any Govt. scheme) here due to employment, agriculture, economic and other social reasons. They are   STs in relation to their state of origin ie. Bihar, Jharkhand etc.

    Since   they are more advanced than any other native tribes of these islands, their demand for recognition as a tribe   has not been considered and the views of this Administration have been communicated to Govt. of India from time to time (Copy letter No. 1-554/2004-TW/ 1072 dated 8th December 2006 enclosed).

    However, the representation of the Jharkand Mukti Morcha and others and the opinion of the Administration thereon are brought to the notice of the Ministry of Home Affairs for further necessary advice in this regard.

Yours faithfully

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Special Secretary (TW)

    Copy   to the Secretary to the Govt. of India, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, 6th floor, 'D' Wing, Loknayak Bhavan, Khan Market, New Delhi - 3 for information and   advice.

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(T6-Ranchi Association)