

F. No 1-554/2006-TW/  
**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION**  
**DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE,**

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Port Blair, dated April, 2007.

To

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Govt. of India, North Block  
New Delhi.

Sub:- Demand of Chotanagpuri Tribals Orans, Mundas, Kharias, Santhalis, Lohras, Chik-Bariks and others 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 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 advise in this regard.

It may state that the people belonging to above said community were migrated to these islands during British time and 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 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 has been communicated to Govt. of India from time to time (Copy letter No. 1-554/2004-TW/ 1072 dated 8<sup>th</sup> 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

Director (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 .

Director (TW)  
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