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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

जनजातीय कल्याण निदेशालय

DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the October, 2007.

To

The Secretary (Revenue),
A & N Administration,
Secretariat.

Sub:- Grant of Tribal Status to Katchal Settlers -reg


Sir,

I am directed to refer to the note dated 3/8/2007 of the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District regarding the demand of Sri Lankan settlers of Katchal Island to settle them in any other non-tribal area or to settle at Katchal Island with grant of Tribal Status (copy enclosed).

Regarding grant of **Tribal Status** is concerned, the views of this department is as follows:- "There are six aboriginal tribal communities who originally belong to the Islands namely Great Andmanese, Onges, Jarawa, Sentinelese, Shompens and Nicobarese have already been notified as the Scheduled Tribes in respect of the UT of A & N Islands by the Government of India vide the constitution (A & N Islands) Scheduled Tribe's Order dated 31.3.1959. Since the Sri Lankan Settlers 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 cannot 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".

Yours faithfully,

Encl A/a

 Assistant Commissioner (TW)
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