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Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Honorable Prime Minister of India,
Camp at Port Blair.

- Re: (i) Inclusion of Ranchi Chotanagpur Adivasis in the tribal list of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- (ii) Implementation of supreme-court order 2005 SCCL Com 97, case No. civil Appeal Nos. 6-7 of 1998 (with CAN NOs 4-5 of 1998); S. Paspha and others applicants versus Siva Channugavatu and others respondents. Date of Decision (ann 22 py) 24/2/2005 (judge as) Hon'ble the chief justice Hon'ble justice K.G. Bala Krishnan & Hon'ble Mr. Justice G. P. Mathur Date of judgment 11.2.2005, in Andaman & Nicobar Union Territory.

Hon'ble Sir,

Chotanagpur tribal people residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands together with other Islanders welcome you, the Prime Minister of India with immense joy & happiness. It is very rare occasion for us to meet such high dignity of the nation and express our grievances face to face. I would like to say the following about the Ranchi Chotanagpur tribal people residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

- (i) The Chotanagpur Adivasis, aborigines of India according to Professor Ram Dayal Munda ex-Vice Chancellor of Ranchi University, were brought here between 1918 and 1975 by the Britishers as well as by the Indian Government for the development work of forest, entirely different mode of migration to Assam, Delhi and so on.
- (ii) The first batch of 400 Chotanagpur tribal labourers were recruited by Mr. BONIG the then the Divisional forest Officer North Andaman in 1918. The second batch and the successive batches were brought till 1941. About 900 Ranchi labourers were trenced during the Japanese occupation of this Islands, in the year 1942 (vide census 1963). About 9690 Chotanagpur labourers were recruited in the forest department during 1946-1956 (vide the record Chatham saw mill volume I and II).
- (iii) At present the total population of Chotanagpur Adivasis are more than 60,000, that is 13% of the total population of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. They are socially, economically and educationally the most backward, not a single MBBS Doctor.