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A & N ISLANDS (REG-NO-83)

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To
Dr. Manmohan Singh
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Camp at Port Blair

Reg. Grievances of Ranchi - Chotanagpur's tribal residing in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Hon'ble Sir

The advasis from states of Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, West Bengal, MP, Bihar residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands organized themselves under the banner of Ranchi Association in 1975 for the development of socio-economic condition and to save their tribal culture. Ranchi Association Andaman & Nicobar Islands represents more than 60,000 migrant tribes population which is 15% of the total population of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. This Association would like to represent the following grievances of migrant tribal people of Chotanagpur region.

- a. Though tribal of Chotanagpur were brought by the Andaman government for development of forest since 1918, just after the end of first world war their children were deprived of S.E. facilities and other welfare schemes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- b. After the independence of India the government policy changed. The penal settlement was abolished and refugee settlement was introduced. Huge manpower was required to clean the jungles to construct huts and to make agriculture land for Bengali refugees. More than 12,000 Ranchi labourers were brought by the Andaman Administration through various Agencies. In 1984 the student of Andaman & Nicobar were divided into categories for the technical and non-technical higher education in main land, 50% of the seats are for the children of pre-42 and the settlers, 20% seats for children of local STs, 10% seats for the children of central government employees, and rest 20% of seats for the children of general category. Chotanagpur tribes were brought by the government for the settlement work of Bengali Refugees hence the children of these Ranchi labourers have the rights to get the facilities with par to the children of the refugee settlers. Not a single percent of seats was given to migrant STs children which is injustice the result is not a single M.B.B.S. Doctor, no engineers, no advocates among this community.