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The PUC is the endorsement of DO letter No. CS/PS/2005 dated 9th August 2006 of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration addressed to Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), C/o Congress Office, Port Blair forwarding a copy of representation submitted by Shri Saw Harry, Joint Secretary, KBCA regarding inclusion of their community in the HMAC and also in the Tribal list.

In this connection it may mentioned that the Karen community has already been notified as OBC in respect of A & N Islands along with other four communities vide Administration's Notification No. 343/2005/F.No.8-3/2003-TW dated 16.12.2005 and subsequent corrigendum vide Notification No. 75/2006/F.No. 8-3/2003-TW 19.4.2006 (Copies are placed at page 155-156/C). Therefore, the question for inclusion of Karen community in the tribal list doesn't arise.

Further, the case for inclusion of Ranchi & Karens in the tribal list was examined by this Administration way back in 1994 and a view was taken that their inclusion in the list of STs of A & N Islands would be detrimental to the interest of the STs of Aboriginal Tribes of these Islands. Therefore, their case was not recommended to the Govt. of India vide Administration's letter No. 1-581/9-TW dated 18.10.1994 (Copy is placed at Page 73-74/C). The matter was again examined recently (In July 2005) in the case of Ranchis of these Islands and the same view has been reiterated in File No.1-554/2004-TW at Page 20/N (A copy of the note is placed at page 100-111/C). Accordingly, the of the Administration thereon was communicated to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi vide Admn.'s letter No. 1-554/TW/1317 dated 20.07.2005 (Copy is placed at Page NO. 112-113/C). If approved, we may send a reply to Hon'ble M.P on the above lines.

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