

To,  
The Hon'ble Lt. Governor,  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,  
Raj Niwas, Port Blair.

Respected Sir,

**Sub: An appeal for Schedule Tribe Status in A & N Islands by the settlers of Old Chotanagpur Adivasi so called "Ranchis" - reg.**

We the so called "Ranchis" Settlers Oraons, Mundas, Kharias & other tribes of Old Chotanagpur which comprise some parts of the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa & West Bengal settled by Andaman & Nicobar Administration in Baratang, Ram Nagar, Hanspuri & Campbell Bay etc. are aggrieved of being deprived of Scheduled Tribe benefit & facilities, the constitutional rights - Schedule Tribe which we were enjoying in Mainland.

Since we were enjoying the status and facilities of schedule tribes in Mainland before bringing and settlement in Andaman & Nicobar Islands by the Government of India, it is the duties of Government of India to provide and maintain at least minimum status and facilities to us which we were enjoying in original place of resident before settlement of us in Andaman & Nicobar Islands as settlers by the Government of India.

We are in hope that Andaman & Nicobar Administration would include us in the tribal list of A&N Islands sooner or later; but the Notification No. 354 dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 in which Local Born, Bhatus, Moplus, Karens & Bengali settlers communities are notified as Other Backward Classes in respect of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and 38% reservation in the post/services under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for O.B.C's of the Union Territory shocked Baratang and other parts of Islands like an earthquake, we felt strong Tsunami destroyed us the Chotanagpuri Tribals residing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands by not considering with in the respective reservation list followed in Mainland.

Aside from Karens & Bengali Settlers we Chotanagpuri Settlers are aborigines of India hence our expectation to be notified as Scheduled Tribes (S.T) in respect of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, was not unusual/wrong. It must be the duty