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To
The Lieutenant Governor,
Professor Ram Kapse,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Raj Niwas - Port Blair.

Sub:- GRIEVANCES OF RANCHI/CHOTANAGPUR TRIBAL PEOPLE RESIDING IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

Hon'ble Sir,

With reference to the letter No. RA/7/04 dated: 7/09/2004 From Ranchi Association Addressed to Professor Ram Kapse, Lieutenant Governor A & N Islands, in the subject and a copy given to the state President J.M.M. A & N Islands, the following grievances of Chotanagpur Tribal people (Ranchis) residing in A & N Islands are presented.

1. The Chotanagpur tribal known as Ranchis in A & N Islands were brought by the Government even before the revised Penal Settlements (1923). The first batch of 400 labourers were recruited by Mr. BONIC, the Divisional Forest Officer North Andaman for the developmental work of Revised Penal settlement. ANNEXURE (A1 & A2) COLLECTIVELY. The second batch and the successive batches were recruited till 1941. The census 1931 shows that about 1500 Ranchi labourers were present during this period 900 Ranchi labourers were stranded during the Japanese occupation of these Islands. VIDE CENSUS 1963.

2. After Independence of India in 1947 the policy of Government was changed. The revised Penal settlement was abolished and the refugees settlement was introduced for which a large number of labour force was required to clear up vast area of forest land in South, Middle and North Andaman including Diglipur for the settlement of thousands of refugees, for providing huts, construction of roads, School, hospital etc. As the Chotanagpur Tribal people were known as experts in jungle work, more & more people were recruited in the following manners.

VIDE RECORD CHATHAM SAW MILL VOL I & II.

| Year | No of Ranchis labours |
|---------|-----------------------|
| 1946 - | 1672 |
| 1947 - | 359 |
| 1948 - | 537 |
| 1949 - | 1031 |
| 1950 - | 1513 |
| 1951 - | 373 |
| 1952 - | 663 |
| 1953 - | 1650 |
| 1954 - | 1178 |
| 1956 - | 714 |
| Total - | 9690 labours |

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