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Besides these men thousands of Ranchi labourers were recruited in other departments till 1962 by the Government through various agencies under certain Government scheme for the development of these Islands. As such they have to get the advantages & facilities at par with the other people such as R.V.D. (Rashtria Vikas Dal) & settlers. The R.V.D. were brought by the government for labour work and were settled in 1962 in BILLY GROUND area in Middle Andaman providing them with 6 acres of land.

3. The D.O. letter No. V-16012/6/80 ANL dated 5-10-1981 from Shri R.V. Pillai joint Secretary Ministry of Home affair addressed to Shri B./K. Singh Chief Secretary A & N Administration, Port Blair shows that more than 3000 reserved posts for scheduled Tribes in Andaman & Nicobar Administration were vacant and only 269 posts were filled up. It was directed by the Home ministry to fill up the rest of posts by the non local tribals in case the local tribals were not available ANNEXURE (B1)

A letter No. 1/24/80 1-24/80-TW dated: 22nd July 1982 from the Chief Commissioner's Secretariat was written to all heads of departments to follow strictly the above direction (ANNEXURE B2). But this was not implemented though Ranchi Association represented that many Ranchi tribals residing in these Islands are having valid tribal certificates. Let the party know the reason for not implementing this direction/order.

4. In 1984 seats for technical & non technical higher studies in the Institutes of mainland and Inter Islands were divided in categories. Such as 50% seats for the children of Pre 42 & Settlers 20% seats for the children of Local tribals rest 10% seats for the children of central Govt. /servants & the rest 20% seats are for genral & 10 years category. Here it may be noted that the seats were reserved for the children of people who were brought in any Government scheme. Such as pre 42, settlers, central government employees. But the Ranchi Tribals though they were brought by the government for the developmental work of these islands were totally side tracked.

The unavailed seats reserved for local Tribal people were distributed among the settlers and Pre 42. These seats must be given to non local tribals residing in these Islands ANNEXURES(B1). The injustice done to these Ranchi tribals cannot be tolerated.

5. Ranchi Association vehemently objected non implementation of Home Ministry's direction (D.O. letter 1981) and dereserving of reserved seats for the scheduled tribes for higher studies. To pacify them a census of Ranchis & Karens was conducted in 1992 by engaging the teachers of education department. Some officers requested Rt. Rev. Alex Dias the Bishop of Port Blair and the President Ranchi Association to Co-operate with the Administration for the successful census giving assurance that this will

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