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To

The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration. Secretariat. Port Blair



Date 10th Feb; 2006



Sub: Genuine grievances of Karen Community in the A & N Islands - reg.

Respected Sir,

I on behalf of the Karen people living in Andaman & Nicobar Islands would like to submit the following few paras for your kind perusal and sympathetic consideration please.

That Sir. vide the Administration gazette Notification dated December 2005 Karen have been specified as OBC alongwith other communities in the

Here it is to state that though Karens are a tribe has been specified as OBC and made to compete with the same communities they have been doing all these years. Karens being a tribe of Mongoloid race having distinct language. Script and culture, still socially, educationally backward and economically weak are far behind other communities and cannot compete with them in any sphere.

That Sir, Karen representation in the services of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration is almost negligible i.e only 41%. Enclosed herewith is the sex wise distribution of Karen employee in the various department of Andaman & Nicobar Administration. From this statistic it is very clear, that Karen Representation in the services of the A & N Administration is very low. There are some boys & girls who have successfully completed the professional course like Junior Basic Teachers Course, ANM Course, ITI, B.Ed, Higher Diploma in Coop need to be given placement.

That Sir, there are some excess land in the active occupation of the bonafide Karen cultivators prior to 1960 and needs to be regularized in favour of their dependent children.

I therefore request your goodself kindly to look into our genuine grievances for

redressal please.

Thanking you,

General Secretary

Yours faithfully

Karen Youth Organization