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O.S.D. to the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha New Delhi

19 Nov 1996

Shri J.D. Sellam, IAS, Private Secretary to Hon. Minister of Welfare, Govt of India, New Delhi.

Dear Shri Sellam,

Shri Ashu Aungthong, President, Karen Youth Organisation, Webi Village, Mayabunder, North Andaman has represented to Hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha vide their letter dated 10th Nov 1996, that the Karen Tribe, whose population is hardly 1800 only, should be included in the Scheduled Tribes.

Herewith, I am forwarding the letter under reference, which is self explanatory.

In this connection, it may kindly be seen that the Ministry of Welfare, Govt of India vide their letter dated 12.7.1995 informed the Karen Youth Organisation that the matter was receiving attention.

I shall be grateful if you could kindly consider their request sympathetically and let us know the decision taken in the matter.

With regards,

Yours singerely,

(I.B. Pandey)

Opy to Shri Ashu Aungthong, President, Karen Youth Organisation. Webi Village, Mayabunder, North Andaman for information.