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My Dear Jai Oram Ji,

Enclosed please find copies of memorandum / representations received from Karen Youth Organisation, Webl. Vill. Mayabunder praying for inclusion of the Karen tribe living in A&N Islands in the list of Scheduled Tribes for the purpose of preserving their distinct language, culture and ancestral tradition and reservation in jobs and educational institutions.

In this connection it may kindly be seen that the Govt. of India, Ministry of Welfare, New Delhi dated 12/7/1995 (copy enclosed for kind reference please) informed the Karen Association that their case was receiving attention.

The Karen are a tribe in Burma brought down to the Andamans by the then British Govt. in 1925 to work in the forests. Being a small tribal group and backward in all respects, I shall be very grateful if you will kindly consider their case sympathetically.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

(Bishnu Pada Ray)

To,

Shri Jai Oram,
Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs
Govt. India
New Delhi.

Copy to together with copies of its enclosures forwards for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Raj Niwas, Port Blair
2. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Secretariat, Port Blair.
3. The President, Karen Youth Organisation, Webl. vill. Mayabunder for information.

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