

# KAREN YOUTH ORGANISATION

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NORTH ANDAMAN INDIA

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To

His Excellency the Lt. Governor  
Andaman & Nicobar Islands  
Raj Niwas , Port Blair.

Sub:- .Inclusion of Karens in the list of Scheduled Tribes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands  
-regarding.

Your Excellency ,

We, on behalf of the Karen community living in Andaman & Nicobar Islands beg to submit these few lines for your kind perusal and further favourable action please.

That Sir, the Karen are a tribe of Myanmarese origin and have been living in A&N Islands long before independence. We have our own distinct traits and culture which are of primitive nature and have been carried out through the generations. Karen are perhaps the only community who have male delivery assistant . Karen are still socially , educationally and economically backward . Due to shyness of contact they do not mix much with the mainstream population .We have our own distinct language and scripts . The present karen population is about 2200 occupying six villages.

That Sir, we have made our first representation for Scheduled Tribe status in 1990 and again in 1995 vide letter no KBCA/95/03 dated 18-5-95 which was replied by the Ministry of Welfare ,Govt. of India vide letter 12016/30/95-SCD(R.CELL) dated 12-7-95 stating that our claim was under consideration .(copy enclosed). After that we had made several representation but no other response was received by us.