



That Sir during the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India a Karen delegation met him at Raj Niwas on 19th January 2003 in the presence of Your Excellency and the Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Bishnu Pada Ray .The Hon'ble Prime Minister had received us and asked us to make proper representation seeking the help of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament. Accordingly two member representatives of Karen community was sent to New Delhi along with the Hon'ble Member of Parliament to pursue the case.They met with the concerned authorities of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 29.4.03 They also called on the Hon'ble Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Jual Oram at his residence on 30.4.03 accompanied by the Hon'ble MP Shri B.P.Ray and submitted a letter in support of our claim. The Hon'ble Minister Shri Jual Oram enquired about the factual position of the case i.e the total population and the distinct culture, language and scripts etc of the Karen and assured that he would take up the matter with the authorities concerned.

That Sir our case for Scheduled Tribes status is a very distinct one and is very much in accordance with the criteria laid down by the Govt. of India , Ministry of Tribal affairs for specification of a community as a scheduled tribe .(Xerox copy of the criteria and process for inclusion and exclusion from the list of ST is enclosed for your kind reference please.) Our case has been lying pending for more than a decade, though everything is in our favour , the Administration has set silent over the matter and did not submit the factual position in this regard. Thus depriving us of our rights and privileges and forcing us to adapt to new situations and way of living which resulted in the slow murder of our distinct language, culture and ancestral tradition.

In the light of the above mentioned facts, we humbly and earnestly request Your Excellency kindly to have our case examined under the procedures attached to our claim and also seek your personal intervention in the matter to save the distinct language, culture and ancestral tradition and help the socially, educationally and economically backward Karen people to come up in life.

Thanking you,
Your Obedient Subject.


General Secretary,
Karen Youth Organisation.


President
Karen Youth Organisation.