

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
*Directorate of Tribal Welfare*  
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(1) PUC is a letter dated 2.6.2003 from the Assistant Secretary (PGC), A & N Administration addressed among others, to Director (TW), A & N Administration, forwarding a copy of joint representation/letter dated 19.1.2003 of Dr. E. Asirvatham, President, A & N Catholic Association & Shri Agapit Kujur, President Ranchi Association received from the Director, Prime Minister's office, New Delhi regarding inclusion of Chotanagpur adivasis in the list of STs of A & N Islands. They have put forward the following demands:-

1. Since A & N Islands is an U.T, all ST facility should be given to Chotanagpur adivasis residing in these Islands.
2. Since Chotanagpur adivasis played a major role in settlement and development of A & N Islands and since they still remain undeveloped socially, economically and educationally, they are to be included in the list of A & N Scheduled Tribes.
3. As long as Chotanagpur adivasis are not included in the list, the unused S.T reserved posts and educational seats are to be filled by non-local tribals, especially the Chotanagpur adivasis.
4. S.C / S.T Commission should be formed in A & N Islands to identify the backward.

(2) The A.S (PGC) has requested us to take appropriate action on the point concerning Tribal Welfare Department under intimation to the Administration.

(3) The Adivasis of Chotanagpur popularly known as Ranchis, though it is a Misnomer, has been settled in these Islands under the rehabilitation scheme of the Govt. of India. Subsequently a sizeable population of the Ranchis have migrated from their State of origin on their own and settled in these Islands. They are not Scheduled Tribes in relation to the A&N Islands as they are not included in the constitutional order No.58-the constitution (Andaman of Nicobar Islands) scheduled Tribes Order, 1959 at page 11/C under which the six Scheduled Tribes of this UT have been specified. Instead they are Scheduled Tribes in relation to the State which they originally belong. Thus they are migrants from other State.

(4) With regard to migrant Schedule Tribes, the Policy laid down by the Govt. of India is that where a person migrates from one State to another State, he / she can claim to belong to a caste/tribe/community only <sup>in</sup> relation to State which he/she originally belonged and not in respect of the State to which he