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Sub: Demand for granting Scheduled Tribe to Ranchi, and Karen communities and Scheduled Caste (SC) to Bengali, Tamil and Telegu communities – reg:

Respected Sir,

With reference to my earlier letter this is to inform that a group of 22 people representing the post-78 encroachers have come to Delhi to place their grievances and demands before your goodself for kind and sympathetic consideration.

In this connection I am forwarding a copy of their representation seeking for granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) status to the following communities:

1. A group of labourers were brought to A&N Islands during pre and post independent periods from the States of Jharkhand (formerly from Bihar province) and Chattisgarh (Madhya Pradesh) for creating infrastructure facilities. These people locally known as 'Ranchi' community, actually belong to tribal population, such as Uraon, Munda, Kharia, etc. in the mainland. They are economically, socially and educationally backward and have now settled in A&N Islands permanently.
It is prayed that the Ranchi community in A&N Islands may be granted Scheduled Tribe status.
2. A group of people from Myanmarese (Burmese) origin known as 'Karen', numbering 2200 persons, have been living in A&N Islands since before independence period. They have their distinct primitive traits of nature and social culture, with own script and language. They are economically, educationally and socially backward. They have a long standing demand and have approached

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