

only relation to State which he/she originally belonged and not in respect of the State to which he / she has migrated.

In view of the above Policy decision of the Govt. of India, though they have been living in these Islands for quite a long time, the Ranchis cannot be extended concessions / benefits in the matter of employment, allocation of seats for higher education etc. However, for employment under Central Government, the benefits of reservation could be claimed irrespective of the state to which they belong. No survey has been conducted on the socio-economic status of the Ranchi Community. Apparently, they appear to be more advanced than even the progressive tribe, the Nicobarese of this UT, let alone the Primitive Tribes.

In view of the above, the Administration feel that classification of the Ranchis as Scheduled tribe of this UT will be detrimental to the interests of the Scheduled Tribes of these Islands.

Yours faithfully,

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