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The PUC is the letter dated 05/02/2004 of the Director (ANL), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi forwarding there with a copy of Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-MP's letter dated 20/12/2003 addressed to the Hon'ble President of India regarding grant of Scheduled Tribes status to Ranchi and Karen Communities and Scheduled Caste status to Bengali, Tamil and Telugu Communities. The Govt. of India Ministry of Home Affairs have requested this Administration to send comments of the UT Administration on the issues raised therein. There is another letter dated 19/1/2004 of the Assistant Director, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi forwarding therewith a copy of the representation dated 17/12/2003 of Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-M.P of (dissolved Lok Sabha) on the same subject. He has requested this Administration to send the comments of the UT Administration on the proposal alongwith ethno graphic information in the prescribed Performa (P. 80-81/C).

In this regard it is submitted that this issue was earlier examined vide notes dated 12/12/2003 in F.No.1-505/2003-TW.(A copy is placed at pages 93 - 96/c) in connection with agenda points for IDA meeting and a report was sent to Secretary (IDA), A&N Administration vide this office letter No.1-505/2003-TW/1264 dated 15/11/2003(A copy is placed at pages 106-109/C). As the issue is the same, the same view as taken in connection with the agenda points for IDA can be taken. Accordingly we may send the comments to the Director (ANL), Ministry of Home Affairs with a copy to the Assistant Director, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, if approved.

A draft reply is put up for consideration.

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Research Officer(TW)

Director (TW)

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made on the same issue has been

forwarded by IBA Section.

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