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/ she has migrated.(Please refer to the Xerox copy of the letter No.1-13/92-SCT dated 31.8.1992 of GI, Department of Telecommunication at page10/C)

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.

If the claim of Ranchis for classifying them as Scheduled Tribe in relation to this UT is admitted at all, the question will arise whether the demand of the Ranchi Community is justified to classify them as STs in relation to this UT vis-à-vis the socio-economic condition of the Scheduled Tribes of this UT. 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 this background if they are classified as STs they will take away the major chunk of the benefits and concessions, both in services and allotment of the seats for higher education. So ~~the~~ classifying the Ranchis as ST, in respect of this UT, will be detrimental to the interests of the STS of this UT.

In this context, it is stated that they (Ranchis) had represented in the past also demanding Scheduled Tribe status in relation to this UT, but the Administration declined to concede their request as per approval accorded by the then Hon'ble Lt. Governor vide notes dated 1.10.1994 in F.No.1-581/91-TW (A Xerox copy of the note is placed at pages 7 - 9 /C. Accordingly , the views of the Administration with regard to the classification of Ranchis and Karens as STs were communicated to Govt. of India vide this Administration's letter dated 8th October 1994 (Xerox copy is placed at pages 5-6/C). If approved, we may send a reply to the AS (PGC) in the above lines.

Director (TW)

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Approved. A suitable reply may be sent to PGC.

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