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II Inclusion of Adhivasies among other Scheduled Tribes reg:

Another major problem that the Chotanagpur adhivasies face here is the deprivation of benefits as Scheduled Tribals. It is good to note here the notification (D.O. Letter No. U-16012/6/80 - NL dated 05.10.1981, issued by Shri. R. V. Pillai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, addressed to Shri. B.K. Singh, Chief Secretary, A & N islands of India in which he clearly directed to recruit non-tribal scheduled Tribes under article 16 (4) and 335 of the Constitution. In 1984, the seats for higher education (Technical and non-formal) in main land are divided into various categories - 50% for pre-42 and settlers, 20% for S.Ts, 10% for the children of Central Government Employees and remaining 20% for others who do not fall into the above mentioned categories. The Chotanagpur tribals fall into the last category namely the General Category. They are unable to compete with other groups and hence unable to improve in the educational and related qualifications. It is good to note here that because of this negligence, from among 60,000 Chotanagpur tribals in A & N islands, not a single member has profited from this seat allotment, especially in medical and engineering faculties so far.

Hence we propose the following:

1. Since Andaman and Nicobar islands is an Union Territory, all Scheduled Tribe facility should be given to Chotanagpur Adhivasies residing in these islands.
2. Since Chotanagpur adhivasies played a major role in settlement and Development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and since they still remain undeveloped socially, economically and educationally, they are to be included in the list of Andaman and Nicobar Scheduled Tribes
3. As long as Chotanagpur adhivasies 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 adhivasies.
4. S.C. / S.T. Commission should be formed in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to identify the backward.

We hope that you will look into this matter very sympathetically and make efforts to do things that would help to preserve the human rights of the adhivasies..

Thanking you!

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosed 1: D.O. Letter no: U-1601/6/80 dated on 5-10-1981.

2: Andaman Administration Order No: 1-24/80 TW 22nd July 1982

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