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Sardar Patel Bhavan, Sansad Marg,  
New Delhi-110 001 INDIA

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D.O. No. 18/6/2000-PRP&P

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Dear Shri Pradeep Singh,

As you are aware, the Commission had taken up the matter regarding the plight of the Denotified and Nomadic Tribal communities on the basis of petitions received in the Commission relating to the ill-treatment of these communities by the administration and by the police. Action points were identified in a meeting held in the Commission during February 2000 with some of the States. Information received so far, from the States does not reveal the exact status of these communities, the problems they are exposed to and the facilities that have been extended to them by the State for integrating them into the mainstream. In order to have a meaningful assessment of the problem, we would appreciate it if you could provide us the following details :

- i) Whether the Denotified and Nomadic Tribes which formed part of the Criminal Tribes Act 1871 in your State have been included in the list of SC/ST/OBC. If so, a list of the tribes/communities and the category under which they have been listed may be provided;
- ii) Whether there are specific settlements in your State where these Nomadic and Denotified Tribes are located or whether these have since merged with the rest of the population in the village/town.
- iii) What are the basic facilities for schooling, primary health etc. being extended to these communities.
- iv) Whether there are specific instances reported of the Denotified and Nomadic Tribes being perpetrators or victims and whether these have been inquired into. If so, what were the findings thereof;

We would appreciate it if this information could be sent to us by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2003.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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