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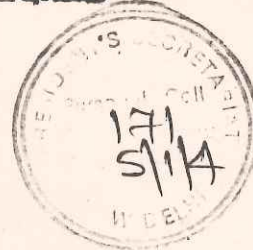
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To

Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam  
His Excellency Hon'ble President of India  
Rashtrapati Bhawan  
New Delhi



**Sub: Demand for granting Scheduled Tribe to Ranchi, and Karen communities and Scheduled Caste (SC) to Bengali, Tamil and Telegu communities – reg:**

Most Respected Sir,

Your Excellency might recall that on Monday, 15 December 2003, I visited with seven (7) people of the 22 member delegation in Delhi from Andaman representing the post-78 encroachers to place their grievances and demands before your good-self for kind and sympathetic consideration.

In this connection I am forwarding a copy of their representation seeking for granting Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Scheduled Caste (SC) status to the following communities:

1. A group of labourers were brought to A&N Islands during pre and post independent periods from the States of Jharkhand (formerly from Bihar province) and Chattisgarh (Madhya Pradesh) for creating infrastructure facilities. These people locally known as 'Ranchi' community actually belong to tribal population, such as Uraon, Munda, Kharia, etc. in the mainland. They are economically, socially and educationally backward and have now settled in A&N Islands permanently. It is prayed that the Ranchi community in A&N Islands may be granted Scheduled Tribe status.
2. A group of people from Myanmar (Burmese) origin known as 'Karen', numbering 2200 persons, have been living in A&N Islands since before independence period. They have their distinct primitive traits of nature and social culture, with own script and language. They are economically, educationally and socially backward. They have a long-standing demand and have approached

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