

Receipt Page No. 73-91/cor.

(45) The Deputy Director to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs vide their Fax letter No.12016/35/2001-TA (RL) dt. 6-2-03 at page 73/cor has ~~for~~ stated to forward ~~the~~ a copy of Memorandum dated 18-1-03 of Karen Youth Organisation submitted to the Prime Minister during his visit to these Islands has not been received alongwith the letter. However, we have received a copy of Memorandum dt. 18-1-03 of Karen Youth Organisation from the AS(GA), A&N Admn. which may please be seen at page 76/cor. The Dy. Director, G.O.I, further stated that this UT Admn. vide letter No.1-581/91-TW dt. 12/18th October, 1994 had intimated to the then Ministry of Welfare that the UT Admn. do not ~~re~~commend their specification as Scheduled Tribe, however they may get identified as OBC when the process ~~for~~ identification of OBCs in A&N Islands is taken up. The Dy. Director, G.O.I. has requested this Admn. to intimate the stand of the State Govt. of A&N Islands at the earliest.

(46) The copy of Memorandum dt. 18-1-03 has been submitted to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands and Hon'ble Member of Parliament(Lok Sabha), A&N Parliamentary Constituency, Port Blair.

(47) The AS(GA), A&N Admn. vide their letter at page 74/cor has requested this deptt. to take appropriate action in the matter under intimation to the Admn. The Hon'ble M.P. vide his letter addressed to Hon'ble ~~LT Governor~~ Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India and copy to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Chief Secretary, A&N Admn. has stated that the Karens are a tribe in Burma brought down to the Andamans by the then British Govt. in 1925 to work in the forests. Being a small tribal group and backward in all respects and requested to consider their case sympathetically.

(48) In this connection, it is mentioned here that the Committee constituted by the Admn. has identified the Karen Community as OBC and the report has already been submitted to the Admn. to declare the Karens as OBC. If approved, the Dy. Director, G.O.I, ~~AS(GA)~~ may be informed accordingly under intimation to AS(GA), A&N Admn. and Hon'ble M.P, A&N Islands.

(49) Submitted for approval please.

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