MAREN YOUTH ORGANISATION

Registered Under Societies Registration Act 1860

Registration No. 829

Head Office: Webi Vill & P. O. Mayabunder - 744 204

NORTH ANDAMAN INDIA

Ref. No

Date

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5) Clerical -2 6) Group "D" -10 7) Driver -1 8) Conductor -2 9) Others -8

## ACADEMIC EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION POSITION

1. Post Graduate -2 Unemployed 2.Graduate -8 2 Unemployed 3.Under Graduate -3 4.XII -18 5. X -10

Sir, as evident from the statistics given above, the 2200 strong Karen population is largely an economically, socially and educationally a backward race. Politically they are also weakly represented section of community in the Multicultural society present in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. They are sparsely represented in the various services under the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. They cannot compete with other communities living around them in any field. So they are very much in need of reservation/relaxation in every sphere to come up in life with the same pace as other communities.

That, in August 1990, we had represented to the Govt. Of India and the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for inclusion of the Karen in the list of \$1, in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. We were told that the Govt. of India had asked the Andaman & Nicobar Administration to conduct the socio-economic survey of the Karen living in A & N Islands. The survey was carried out and completed .We were told that the survey report had been sent to the Govt. of India for further action. (Format of socio-economic survey of the Karen enclosed for your kind reference please) After this nothing is known about the further development though several representation were made.

That, Sir, again in 1995 we represent to the Govt. of India on this. And in response the Ministry of Welfare Govt. of India, New Delhi vide their letter No. 12016/30 /95/3.CD (R.Cell), dated 12.7.95 (Xerox copy of the letter enclosed for your ready reference please) had stated that our case is being considered and further action has to be taken through an