

In the meanwhile the Karens have opted for OBC status and the Commission considering their social educational and economic backwardness have recommended for declaring them as OBC alongwith other communities in respect of A&N Islands. The report is being examined by the Administration. Necessary reservation of seats in educational, professional/technical Institutions and reservation in services/ posts under this Administration could be provided after the Karen community alongwith the other communities has been declared as OBC in respect of this UT.

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The aboriginal tribes of this UT are still backward when compared to the Karens. Therefore there can be no change in the stand taken by the Administration earlier with regard to inclusion of the Karens in the list of the STs. Moreover, the Karens have been recommended for OBC status by the OBCs Commission. Accordingly we may send a reply to Govt. of India, if approved.

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Submitted please.

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May kindly approve.

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previous time passed after the Govt. to Govt. ✓  
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