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of Welfare) that there had been so much inter-mingling and so many inter-caste marriages amongst different castes and communities in the Union Territory, that it was difficult to determine as to who belonged to which caste. But in the year 1990 the then Lieutenant Governor vide his d.o.letter dated 17th February, 1990 (Flag 'B' of the linked file) had recommended the notification of 'Chamar' and 'Balmiki' castes as Scheduled Castes. Subsequently on 4th December, 1992 the U.T. Administration wrote to the Ministry of Welfare that the society that had developed in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands was a unique by itself wherein caste and creed had never been the deciding factor.

In view of the vacillating stand of the Union Territory Administration, the Advisory Committee has now desired that exact position obtaining in the Union Territory Administration with regard to prevalence of untouchability, present occupation being pursued by 'Chamar Balmiki' castes alongwith their population may be intimated. The Committee has also desired to have broad pattern of migration in two phases i.e. 1958 to 1950 and 1950 to 1994.

Secondly, the Advisory Committee has desired the UT Administration to expedite its views on inclusion of 'Oraon', 'Munda', 'Kharia' and 'Dhanaka' communities in the Scheduled Tribes list.

Regarding furnishing of the first part of the requisite information, we may inform the Ministry of Welfare that the practice of untouchability is non-existent in so far as

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