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(131) the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands concerned. Regarding present occupation being pursued 'Chamar' & 'Balmiki' castes and their population, it may be submitted that we do not have such information except for the fact that as per the 1901 Census (Flag 'C' of the list in file), the population of such castes had been as under:-

Sl.No	Name of the caste	Hindu	Mahomedan	Sikh	Total
1.	Chamar	347	2	2	351
2.	Sudra	227	2	-	229
3.	Khatik	19	-	-	19
4.	Kol	23	-	-	23
5.	Munda	12	-	-	12
6.	Oraon	13	-	-	13

(132) Further, as per letter dated 7th March, 1995 of the Secretary to the Municipal Board (Flag 'D'), the number of 'Chamars' & 'Balmikis' has been mentioned as 'nil'. However, the Secretary has further informed that there were 273 scavengers employed by the Municipal Board. Manual scavenging has since been completely abolished in this Union Territory and these persons have been rehabilitated by re-deploying in other work under the Municipal Board.

(133) Here it may be pertinent to mention that as per the Census figures of 1901, no caste under the name 'Balmiki' appears in the list in so far as this Union Territory is concerned and as such we cannot say anything about the number of 'Balmikis', more so in view of the fact that in the subsequent Census, caste-wise population figures have not been indicated.