

Reference: Director (TW)'s minutes at para 87/N.

It is regarding recognition of Bengal refugees belonging to Namasudras, Poundras etc communities as Scheduled Castes and their inclusion in the list of SCs of A & N Islands. The issues regarding inclusion of Namasudras, Podras, etc as SCs in the list of SCs had been dealt earlier in connection with the revision of list of SCs & STs by the Central Government vide notes from para under 126 to 147 in link file No.1-581/91-TW (Vol.II) and a reply was sent to Govt. of India vide D.O. letter dated 5th April, 1995 at page 100/C of the then Chief Secretary, A & N Administration. Referring to the comments of the Administration on item No.1 (i) ie., inclusion of Namasudra, Pondras etc in the SC list of the Annexure attached to the above D.O. letter, it is stated the Administration had pointed out that the un-touchability is not practiced in A&N Islands.

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As desired, the draft reply has been modified and the same is placed opposite for approval please.

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As discussed, pl. put up the copies of relevant notes replies in this file also. A self contained note dealing the policy / stand already taken by the Administration be put up.

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