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The AS(PGC), A&N Admn. vide his letter at page 36/cor has forwarded a copy of letter No.2-422/2001-R/2974 dated 6-8-2001 together with its enclosures received from DC(A) which may be seen at pages 37-38/cor. During the visit of Hon'ble LG to Mayabunder, one Shri Saw Say Tha, General Secretary, Karen, Youth Organisation Webi has raised the issue for inclusion of Karens in the list of Scheduled Tribe or OBC in Andaman Islands for the purpose of preservation of their language and cultural identity and reservation in jobs, relaxation of heights etc. fir the posts of forces and educational institutions.

In this connection, it is mentioned that this Office has informed to the Secretary, Karen Baptist Christian Association that the Admn. has constituted a Commission for Other Backward Classes for identification of OBCs in respect of these Islands. We have further informed that the Karen Community if so desire may represent their case to the said Commission at the following address vide this Office letter at page 151/cor in the (Linked F.No.1-554/93-TW :-

The Secretary(SW) and Ex-Officio Member-Secretary
A&N Commission for OBCs,
Secretariat, Port Blair.

If approved, we may inform Shri Saw Say Tha, General Secretary, Karen Youth Organisation, Webi to represent their case to the Commission at the following address: Under intimation to AG (PGC):-

The Chairman,
OBC Commission,
A&N Islands,
Secretariat, Port Blair.

Submitted please.

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