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May please refer to office notes at paras 18-20/n.

It is regarding ST or OBC status to the Karen community of Mayabunder Tehsil. In this connection it is stated that the Karens have applied to the A & N Commission for OBCs 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 of the commission is being examined by the Administration. Necessary reservation in services/posts under this Administration can be provided after the Karen community alongwith the other communities has been declared as OBC in respect of this UT.

As far the ST status, the Administration is not competent to notify any community as ST. Any community is to be declared as ST in relation to a State / UT by an Act of parliament/legislature under Article 342 of the constitution of India.

Accordingly we may send a reply to AS (PGC), if approved. A draft reply is put up for approval please.

Research Officer (TW)

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