

F.No.1-554/2000-TW.

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May please peruse the notes at paras 29-31/N above-PUC is regarding the representation dated 6<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2002 of the President, Karen Youth Organisation, Webi village, Mayabunder containing various points including inclusion of the Karens in the list of STs in the A&N Islands. We are concerned with the point No.1 relating to their inclusion in the list of STs of A&N Islands.

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There are six scheduled Tribes Viz- the Onges, Great Andamanese, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Nicobarese and Shompens in the A&N Islands. The Karens are not the aboriginal tribe of this UT unlike the six STs mentioned above, but it is a tribe originated from Burma. They were brought to this UT by the colonial administration during 1925-26 to work as labourers in the forest. They were allowed settle in pockets in Mayabunder, Tehsil. Since then they have continued live there.

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The Karens had earlier applied to Govt. of India for granting them ST status and in reply to their letter, the Govt. of India had sent a reply vide their letter No.12016/30/95-3CD(R.Cell) dated 12.7.1995 (a xerox copy is placed at page 44/c) stating that their proposal was being considered as per the criteria laid down in the context of the proposed comprehensive revision of the list of STs.

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In the meanwhile, the Karens have opted for OBCs status vide letter application dated 17.8.2000 ( a xerox copy is placed at page 45/c) before the A&N Commission for OBCs and their request has been considered by the Commission by recommending them as OBC. The report of the Commission is being examined separately.

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Submitted please.

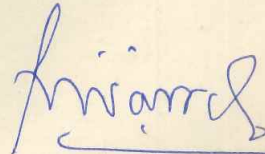
  
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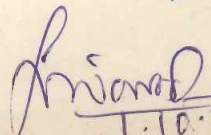
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Pl. refer to the note at para 30, 32 and 33 in above, we may inform Secy (P&C) accordingly.

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