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Port Blair, dated the 3 September, 2001.

To

The Assistant Secretary (PGC), A & N Administration, Port Blair.

Sub: Inclusion of Karens in the list of ST or OBC in Andaman Islands-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 1955/2001-PGC (GA)/49C dated 20/08/2001 on the subject cited above and to say that the information in respect the issue viz. Inclusion of Karens in the list of Scheduled Tribes or OBC in Andaman Islands for the purpose of reservation is furnished as under -

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.

As far the ST status, the President of India is competent to notify any community as ST in relation to a State / UT under Article 342 of the constitution of India.

Yours faithfully,

Enel: As above

Research Officer (TW)

Copy to the Secretary to Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Raj Niwas, Port Blair for information please.

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