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the posts of MBBS doctors, Principal of S.S.School, Tehsildar/
Asst. Commissioner and Inspector/Sub-Inspectors, Police etc.
in the local Administration. It is a welcome sign and we
hope more and more Nicobari tribal population will shine
in future in other fields also to prove their talents that
they are in no way lagging behind.

Now, the pertinent question is why these tribal people
are not allowed to represent directly in the elected bodies;
like Panchayat Raj Institution by exercising their franchise?

We are given to understand ^{that} Nicobari and some other
tribals living in Nicobar, Katchal & Hancock group of Islands
are still not sharing the benefits of real democracy because
they are virtually ruled by old feudal traditions, locally
known as Captains of the areas which are replica of old feudal
Lords or Zamindars. These captains dominate and decide
personal, social and all political matters relating to tribal
population, suppress and virtually treat them, like slaves.
It can be well appreciated that in a vibrant democracy such
inequalities and discrimination cannot be allowed to exist.

We, therefore, request that during your forthcoming
visit on 9th & 10th November, 2000 to these Southern group of
Islands, you may very kindly independently meet all spectra
of tribal population in the area and make searching enquiries
to ascertain their views in the matter to remove this
discrimination as early as possible.

With regards and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

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