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Subject:-Tour Programme of Study Group I of the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of SCs and STs to Calcutta, Port Blair, Madras and Pondicherry during January-February, 1995.

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The PUC is a letter dated 11th January, 1995, received in this office on 23rd instant, from the Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, on the subject cited above.

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Perusal of the tentative tour programme given in Annexure-I(Flag 'A') would reveal that the Parliamentary Committee comprising 15 MPs and 4 officials is scheduled to arrive at Port Blair on the morning of 1st February, 1995. On the said day, the Committee shall hold discussions with the officials of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation.

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From 2nd to 4th February, the said Committee is supposed to meet the representatives of organisations engaged in the welfare of SCs and STs. It is also scheduled to have a meeting/discussion with the Village Captains, Deputy Commissioner and other UT Officials regarding the socio-economic condition of STs. It is mentioned therein that detailed programme is to be chalked out by the A & N Administration.

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In this regard, it may be submitted that as there are no SCs declared in respect of this Union Territory, the Parliamentary Committee is supposed to study/discuss the matters relating to the welfare of STs only. As the higher authorities are kindly aware, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare has been entrusted with the work relating to STs. Here it may be pertinent to mention that the main job of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare is to monitor and get the Tribal Sub-Plan implemented through various departments (numbering 18) of this Administration. Further, almost entire budget allocation of Rs.22.00 crores approximately is spent in Car Nicobar District comprising of mainly tribal population. Accordingly, it is proposed that on 2nd and 3rd February, 1995, the visiting dignitaries (numbering 19) may be taken to Car Nicobar and if possible to Campbell Bay (Great Nicobar) also where they can have a meeting/discussion with the Village Captains, Deputy Commissioner and other UT Officials who are engaged in the work of implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan including the Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to welfare of the STs. On 4th February, 1995, the members of the visiting Committee can be taken to a local site-seeing

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