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(224) PUC is a letter dated 24/2/2005 from Director (IPT), A&N Administration regarding Bharat Darshan Tour of the Nicobarese tribals for the year 2004-2005. He has stated that the Department of Publicity proposes to depute 45 Nicobarese tribal candidates both men and women on Bharat Darshan Tour to Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Karnataka and Kerala during the month of March / April 2005. He has asked for the names of tribal candidates in the prescribed format alongwith 3 passport size photographs signed by the candidates and attested copies of local / community certificate.

(225) This was discussed with the Director (TW) on 25/2/05, in which he desired that we may check up from the tribals (Nicobarese) staying in the Relief Camp set up in ITF ground, Port Blair following the tsunami devastation if they are interested to go on Bharat Darshan Tour. Accordingly, I alongwith Shri Jamil Baksh, R.O(J) had been to Relief Camp set up at ITF ground on 28/2/05 and had interacted with a few captains namely Shri Zeth of Malacca village and Shri James, Perka village and an individual namely Shri Remjus, Kimus village to ascertain their opinion about deputation of tribal candidates on Bharat Darshan Tour. They expressed their inability to take decision on this. However, they suggested that the Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, which handles such matters and take decision may be consulted.

(226) Further, we visited Relief Camp at Nirmala Sr. Secondary School Ground on 2/3/05 and relief camp set up in front of the Nicobarese Guest House, South Point on 03/03/2005. The information about the ensuing Bharat Darshan Tour was disseminated among the tribals of the above Relief Camps through Mrs. Jayalakshmi, Staff Nurse, W/o George Samuel, R/o Kakana and through Miss Heena, Incharge, Relief Camp respectively.

(227) None staying at Relief Camp at Nicobarese Guest House, South Point are willing to participate in the Bharat Darshan Tour. However, some boys and girls, mostly students staying at Relief Camp at Nirmala Senior Secondary School ground have come forward to participate in the ensuing Bharat Darshan Tour. They have been given the prescribed form to furnish their particulars alongwith the consent of their parents / guardians and village captains, but they are to submit the completed performa.

(228) In this context it may be mentioned here that the tribals staying in the different Relief Camps have started returning to their respective Islands in groups following availability of materials for reconstruction of their houses. Obviously, the tribal families will require the assistance of their family members (boys and girls) in erecting their new houses. Therefore, it may not be advisable to enlist them for Bharat Darshan Tour this year.

(229) Accordingly, we may send a reply to the Director (IPT) if approved, a draft reply is put up for approval please.

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