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(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)

National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation  
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

S/No. 33 (R)

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Dear Shri Ambabasu,

As you are kindly aware, the Govt. of India has set up the National Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation (NSTFDC) in April, 2001, inter alia, to provide concessional financial assistance to eligible ST persons for various income generating activities. The Corporation also provides grants for undertaking Training and Entrepreneurship Development Programmes.

2. Under the existing procedure, the Corporation provides finance through State/UT Channelising Agencies nominated by respective States/UTs for this purpose. At present we have 30 Channelising Agencies in various States/UTs. Earlier, the Andaman & Nicobar Island Integrated Development Corporation Ltd. was nominated as the channelising agency in respect of National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), the combined Corporation dealing with both SCs & STs prior to incorporation of NSTFDC. After incorporation, even though we have been making notional allocation every year for Andaman & Nicobar Islands, so far we have not been able to either sanction or disburse any fund to the U.T.

3. In the 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of NSTFDC held recently, while reviewing the operation of the Corporation and non-availment of funds by some of the SCAs, the Board felt that Andaman & Nicobar Islands being predominately inhabited by the tribals, the activities of the NSTFDC need to be extended to the Islands. The Board accordingly decided that a delegation of officers from NSTFDC and the Ministry of Tribal Affairs may visit Andaman & Nicobar Islands for holding discussions with concerned officers of the UT Admn. In pursuance of the Board's directives, it is proposed that the undersigned along with Shri Rajeev Kumar, Director, Ministry of Tribal Affairs shall visit Andaman & Nicobar Islands during 17(A.N.) --20<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 coinciding with the visit of Parliamentary Committee on Welfare of SCs&STs to the Islands. It is requested that the necessary meetings may kindly be organized with the concerned officers so that we are able to take necessary action for extending the activities of the NSTFDC to Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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