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PUC is a letter dated 14/11.2003 of then General Manager, ANIICO, Port Blair forwarding therewith a copy of letter dated 27.10.2003 , 27.10.2003 & 22.10.2003 of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi regarding financial assistance under the scheme promoted by NSTFDC. The G.M, ANIIDCO has highlighted the various difficulties which includes (i) identification of beneficiaries living below double the poverty line by the Administration, (ii) Govt. Guarantee and Govt. Grant to be provided as a precondition to the implementation of scheme of such nature by the Administration, (iii) SFC, ANIIDCO can extend financial assistance to only industrial concerns defined in the SFC Act, (iv) ANIIDCO has to make repayment irrespective of recovery from beneficiaries and it was felt that Corporation might consider implementing the scheme only if the concerned financial corporation agree for repayment based on actual recovery from beneficiaries. They have requested this Administration to communicate the response at the earliest so that they may formulate an approach policy on this sector for NSTFDC as required vide NSTFDC's letter dated 27.10.2003 at page 158/c.

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The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NSTFDC vide their letter dated 23.10.2003 at page 159/c has also forwarded a copy of letter dated 10.10.2003 (at page 160/C) of the Director, Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi and letter dated 20.6.2003 (at page 164/c) of the Dy. Director (SGSY), Govt. of India, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi intimating therein that the State Level Channelising Agencies may be treated as financial institutions on par with banks for providing financial assistance under this Swaran Jayanti Gram Swarazgar Yojana (SGSY). They have requested this Administration to issue instructions to all the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in the States to include SCAs of NSTFDC as financial institutions on par with banks for sanction of loans under the SGSY.

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The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NSTFDC vide their letter dated 22.10.2003 at page 161/c has forwarded a copy of another letter dated 7.10.2003 (at page 162/C) of the Director, Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding promoting rural industrial clusters in pursuance of the inter-ministerial task force on National Programme for Rural; Industrialisation (NPRI). They have requested ANIIDCO to send their suggestions for development of some tribal clusters for potteries, metal craft, other handicrafts, handloom etc. so that a consolidated response from NSTFDC can be sent to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for consideration.