## भारत सरकार लोक नायक भवन, (पांचवी मंजिल) **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA** Lok Nayak Bhavan, (Fifth Floor) खान मार्किट. राष्ट्रीय अल्पसंख्यक आयोग Khan Market, NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES नई दिल्ली - 110 003 नई दिल्ली New Delhi - 110 003 **NEW DELHI** दिनांक न॰ 10-42/98-NCM. Dated The Chief Secretary, Andama & Nicobar Islands Administration, Port Blair-744101. Sub: Setting up of State Minorities Commission. Sir/Madam, As you are aware, the Constitution of India provides protection of certain rights and safeguards for the minorities. In order to achieve the above goal the National Commission for Minorities was set up by the Govt. of India in 1978 and in 1992 the Commission was given Statutory status after the NCM Act, 1992 was passed. The Govt. of India vide its Notification S.O No.816(E) F.No.1/11/93-MC(D) dated 23.10.1993 (copy enclosed) has notified the five communities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) as Minority communities at National level. It may be mentioned that some of the States have already set up State Minorities Commission as indicated in the annexure. The Commission, therefore, reiterates its earlier recommendation made from time to time that the State Minorities Commissions should be set up in your State giving full representation of the five Minority communities. I am further directed to request you to intimate action by the State Govt. privat belove Yours faithfully, (Gurbachan Singh) Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India