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Submitted that vide letter No. 12/9/2007-Coord dt. 4.10.2007, (at page 44.45/C) the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes desired to know the procedures being adopted for the purpose of verification of the claim of a person to belong to a Scheduled Tribe community on submission of an application by him/her and in particular with reference following points:-

Whether the certificate is being issued in the format prescribed by Govt. of India and whether a printed book of certificates has been made available to the certificate issuing authorities.

2. Whether the district authorities have been made available copies of the presidential orders issued by the Govt. of India from time to time to enable the applicants to refer the concerned order.

Methods for verification being followed by the district 3. authorities for issuance of community certificates.

What is the time limit prescribed for issuance of community certificates.

Instructions regarding issuance of community certificates to 5. the ST person belonging to another state.

Process of confirmation / verification of genuineness of community certificates issued to ST candidates

Since the issuance of ST certificates is related to Revenue Authorities, it was requested to the Deputy Commissioner, North Middle Andaman, South Andaman and the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar to furnish requisite information vide our letter No. 9-7/2006-TW/647 dated 22/10/2007 (page 46/C) and reminded on 10.1.08 and 21/2/08. However, the Deputy Commissioner (North Middle Andaman) vide message No. 4-30/DC(N&MA)ST 2007 dated 14/12/07 informed that they are not receiving any application for ST Certificates (at page 54/C) and reply in respect of the Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman District) and Deputy Commissioner (Nicobar District) is still pending. Therefore, if approved, we may remind both the Deputy Commissioners to furnish requisite information immediately.

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A draft letter is putup for perusal and approval please.

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