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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT

Port Blair, dated the 22nd May, 2007

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The Assistant Commissioner (TW),
Directorate of Social Welfare,
Secretariat.

Sub: **Issuance and verification of the community certificates in respect of ST/SC candidates – reg.**

Sir,

This is with reference to your Letter No. 9-7/2006-TW/290 datd 05/05/2008 on the subject cited above. In this regard, I am directed to submit that there are no SCs in the Union Territory and there are five categories of Scheduled Tribes viz. Jarawas, Onges, Sentilese, Great Andamanese and Nicobaries. Except Nicobaries all other tribes are aboriginals. In South Andaman District the Nicobaries tribals are lived in Harminster Bay, Little Andaman Tehsil that is a tribal reserved area. The tribals live in tribal reserved where there is no concept of individual ownership of land and follow there own traditional way of living.

The point wise reply to the letter of the Joint Secretary, National Commission of Scheduled Tribes bearing No. 12/9/2007-Coord. dated 4.10.2007 is submitted as follows :

1. Whether the certificate is being issued in the format prescribed by the Govt. of India? A copy of the format being used for issuing community certificates may be enclosed for perusal of the Commission? Whether a printed book of certificates has been made available to the certificate issuing authorities?

Ans. The certificates are issued in the format as prescribed, which is enclosed, and printed book of certificates have been made available to the Issuing Authority.

2. Whether the district authorities have been made available copies of the Presidential Orders issued by the Govt. of India from time to time (as mentioned in para 1) to enable them to refer to the concerned Order/Act under which the community/tribe (to which the applicant claims to belong in the community certificates)?

Ans. Yes.

3. What are the methods for verification being followed by the district authorities on receipt of an application for issue of a community certificate? Whether possession of land in the State is a necessary condition for issuance of community certificates?

Ans. The method adopted for verification prior to issue of ST certificates is as follows:

- a. The claimant files an application before Tehsildar alongwith copies of the following :

- i) Certification of the Tribal Captain,
- ii) Tribe certificates of mother/father or both,
- iii) Local certificates of mother/father or both,
- iv) School Certificates of the applicant,
- v) Birth certificates or School certificates showing the dates of birth of the applicant.

- b. After conducting a local inquiry through the revenue field staff etc.

- c. Thereafter based on the eligibility of the applicant, an ST certificate is issued.