In view of the above, the caste certificate issuing authorities may ensure that each individual case is examined in the light of existing facts and circumstances of such cases, keeping in mind the instructions of MHA cited above and the Supreme Court's observations in the case referred above. A copy of the Supreme Court decision in the observations in the case referred above. A copy of the Supreme Court decision in the said case of Shri Anjan Kumar Vs. Union of India and others is enclosed for ready reference.

It is requested that these instructions may be circulated among all the authorities empowered to issue Scheduled Tribe certificates.

Yours faithfully.

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