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To elaborate this issue a little more, I would like to inform you that we have 305 number of reserved posts in 'C' category and 77 posts in 'D' category that are lying vacant for the last several years, for want of eligible candidates. Converting a third of these posts into General category will not have any adverse impact on the employment opportunities of Scheduled Tribe candidates, as the remaining 8% of posts would continue to be vacant till they are filled up by eligible Scheduled Tribe candidates. On the other hand, this step will help in improving the quality of service delivery in the remote islands inhabited predominantly by tribals themselves, particularly in Education and Police Departments.

I would, therefore, request you to advise the concerned officer of the Ministry to consider this proposal on priority and permit the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to reduce the reservation for Scheduled Tribe candidates in 'C' & 'D' category posts to 8% as has been allowed in respect of Groups 'A' & 'B'.

With deep regards,

Yours sincerely,

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