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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NICOBARS DISTRICT

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Car Nicobar, dated the 15th March 2010

To
✓ The Assistant Commissioner (TW),
A & N Administration,
Port Blair.

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Sub: Bogus Caste Certificate- Furnishing Comments thereof- reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter No.9-7/2006-TW/130, dated 8th March 2010, enclosing therein a letter bearing DO No10/1/2010-PRP&P, dated 19th January 2010 from the Joint Secretary, NHRC, New Delhi, on the above subject. In this context, the response of the District Administration of Nicobars is furnished as under:

There are no Schedule Castes notified in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Scheduled Tribe Certificates are only issued to Nicobari tribals in Nicobar District.

The procedure adopted for issuance of ST Certificate includes endorsement of the application by the Village Headman/Tribal Council, field inquiry report by the Revenue Field Staff (Revenue Inspector/Patwari), followed by scrutiny of supporting documents viz., Family Identity Card, ST Certificates issued to either of the parents of the applicant or family members viz., brothers and sisters or Islanders Identity Cards issued by the A&N Administration. Proper verification and checks are being maintained at all stages to ensure that only bonafide tribals get the ST Certificates. The Schedule Tribe Certificates are issued by an officer not below the rank of a Tehsildar.

No Scrutiny Committee for Verification/Validation of ST Certificates exists for Nicobars District. It is proposed to constitute a Committee comprising of the following officers:

Sl.No.	Composition	Portfolio
1.	Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars	Chairman
2.	Sub Divisional Officer, Car Nicobar	Member Secretary
3.	Chairman, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar	Member

The following shall be the term of reference of the Scrutiny Committee:

1. The Committee shall meet once in every three months.
2. It shall cause enquiry into complaints made before any of the aforesaid officers or *suo moto*.
3. The Committee shall call for and maintain a list of all Scheduled Tribes Certificates issued in the District.
4. The Committee shall make its recommendation to the Administration regarding procedural and legal changes as regards to issuance and usage of the Scheduled Tribes Certificates, if the need so arose.

It is requested that necessary notifications to this effect may be got issued by the administration or in alternative requisite approval may be conveyed for constitution of the Committee accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner (HQ)
Car Nicobar.

Copy to the Assistant Secretary (Revenue), A&N Administration, Port Blair for information.

Assistant Commissioner (HQ)
Car Nicobar.