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**PUC I** is letter No. TCN/LC & ST/2010/271 dated 8/2/2009 from the Deputy Commissioner Nicobar District & **PUC II** is letter No.4-30/DC (N&MA)/ST/2007/224 dated 2/2/2010 from the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman District regarding furnishing of information on verification/validation of ST Certificates.

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In this context it is stated that vide our letter No.9-7/2006/TW/20 dated 8/2/2010 it was requested to the Deputy Commissioners to furnish information regarding verification of false/bogus ST Certificates with reference to National Commission for Scheduled Tribes letter No. 4/10/09-Coord dated 22/12/2009. In reply the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District has furnished a Nil reply stating that " ST Certificates are issued under the provisions of the Constitution of (A & N Islands) Constitutional Order 1959 by an officer not below the rank of a Tehsildar. The procedure adopted for issuance of ST Certificate includes endorsement of the application by the village headman/Tribal Council, field enquiry report by the Revenue Inspector/Patwari, followed by scrutiny of supporting documents viz. Family Identity Card, ST Certificates issued either to parents of the applicants or family members such as brothers and sisters or Islanders Identity card 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 Deputy Commissioner North & Middle Andaman stated that they have not issued any SC/ST Certificates from their District and hence the requisite information may be treated Nil.

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Regarding above, it is submitted that in this UT, the District Administration is issuing the SCs/STs/OBC Certificates and A & N Administration vide order No. 178 dated 15/5/2006 (Copy may be seen at page 225./C) has already constituted the Scrutiny Committee to verify the false/bogus caste community Certificates with the following members, under intimation to the Ministry among others.

- i) The Secretary (TW) - Chairperson
- ii) The Director (TW) - Member
- iii) The Research Officer (TW)- Member

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During the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 no case of false/bogus ST certificates has been received by Scrutiny Committee for disposal or validation. Therefore, if approved we may inform the position to the National Commission for Scheduled tribes with reference to their letter (Page 225) No. 4/10/09-Coord dated 22/12/2009 along with a copy of Administration vide order No. 178 dated 15/5/2006. Accordingly, a draft letter is put up for approval please.

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Asst. Commissioner (TW) May kindly be approved.

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