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PUC is letter No. TCN/LC&ST/2010/538 dated 15/3/2010 from the Assistant Commissioner (HQ) Car Nicobar, addressed to the Asstant Commissioner (TW) under intimation to the Assistant Secretary (Rev), furnishing comments regarding use of bogus caste certificate by ineligible persons depriving genuine candidates belonging to SCs & STs for getting Govt. jobs and admission in educational institutions, with reference to letter No.10/1/2010-PRP&P dated 19/1/2010 of the Joint Secretary, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi(copy at page 232/C).

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As per PUC, the Assistant Commissioner has informed that the procedure adopted for issuance of ST Certificate includes endorsement of the application by the village Meadman/Tribal Council, field enquiry report by the Revenue field staff (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 etc. Proper verification and checks are done at all stages to ensure that only bonafide tribals get the ST Certificates.

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In addition, a scrutiny committee for verification/validation of ST Certificates has been proposed by the District Administration having the Deputy Commissioner as Carman and Sub Divisional Officer Car Nicobar as Member Secretary and Chairman, Tribal Council as member.

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In this context, it is stated that A & N Administration vide order No. 178 dated 15/5/2006 (Copy may be seen at page 2.15/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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Since a Scrutiny Committee has already been formed at UT level, formation of a similar committee at the District level may not be desirable as such matters could be referred to the UT level Scrutiny Committee. If approved, we may inform the position to the Deputy Commissioner, Car Niocbar under intimation to the Assistant Secretary (Rev) for information. Accordingly a draft letter is putup for approval please.

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Assistant Commissioner (TW)