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Port Blair, dated the 1st October, 2001.

To

Shri P. Narayana Murthy,
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Sub:- Annual Report on the working of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 for the calendar year ended 31st Dec, 2002- req.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No 11016/1/2003 PCR(DFSK), dated 25th August, 2003 addressed to Secretary (TW), A&N Administration on the subject mentioned above. There are no SCs notified in A&N Islands and as such the question of atrocity against them does not arise. However, there are six Scheduled Tribes in this UT out of which five are primitive. The information on the measures taken by this Administration for the implementation of various provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 as far as the Scheduled Tribes of this UT is concerned is furnished as under :-

1. Provision of adequate facilities including legal aid to the person subjected to Atrocities.

The A & N Legal Advisory Board has been rendering legal aid to the persons subjected to atrocities

2. Provision of traveling and maintenance expenses to witness including the Victims of atrocities.

During the calendar year 2002 only a single case of atrocity on a ST women was registered by the Police. The victim belongs to the Jarawa Tribe, which is a Primitive Tribe engaged in hunting & gathering. The accused was charge-sheeted and the case is pending for trial in the court. Therefore, the question of grant of assistance at this juncture does not arise.

- ✓ 3. Provision for economic and Social Rehabilitation of the victims of Atrocities.

During the calendar year 2002, as stated earlier there was a single case of atrocity on a ST women. It was an attempt to molest a Jarawa lady in the G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair. Jarawas are hunting and gathering Primitive Tribe. As such there is no necessity or relevancy for the economic and social rehabilitation of such victim.