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COMMENTS OF THE A&N ADMINSITRATION ON THE AGENDA POINTS FOR THE MEETING OF NODAL OFFICERS OF HOME AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW WORKING OF PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1955 AND THE SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES (PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES) ACT, 1989.

1. Implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955

There are no Scheduled Caste declared by the Government in respect of the A&N Islands. Therefore, none of the measures specified under section 15-A (2) of the PCR Act, 1955 are being taken so far as this UT is concerned.

2. <u>Implementation of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes</u>
(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

The information on the measures taken by this Administration on implementation of various provisions of the SCs & STs (POA) Act, 1989 as far as the STs of this UT is concerned is furnished as under:-

(i) Provision for adequate facilities including legal aid to the person subjected to Atrocities.

The A&N Legal Advisory Board is already functioning to render legal aid to the persons subjected to atrocities.

(ii) Provision for traveling and maintenance expenses to witness including the victims of Atrocities.

The fund required for payment of traveling and maintenance expenses will be utilized out of an unspent grant of Rs.9,290/-available with the Administration.

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