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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE
Secretariat Complex

Port Blair, dated the October, 2007.

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TO

The Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Social Justice &
Empowerment, Govt. of India,
Shastri Bhawan,
New Delhi-1

Sir,

Kindly refer to letter No: 583/MOS(SJ&E)/07 dated 20th April, 2007 from Smti. Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment addressed to the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands forwarding therewith the representations from various linguistic associations seeking redressal of the problems being faced by them with regard to reservation extended to various linguistic communities in the islands under the O B C category.

In this context, it is stated that the National Commission for Backward classes visited these islands and conducted a Public Hearing on 3rd August, 2007 in the Conference Hall Secretariat, Port Blair. Wide publicity regarding the hearing was given in the Daily Telegrams and Dweep Samachar, local news papers. Individual letters were also sent to the representative of associations for attending the said hearing. Representations from various associations received by this Directorate were also handed over to the Commission on the day of hearing.

Further, during the hearing various linguistic associations including those who had earlier represented to Hon'ble Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment during her visit to this islands in April, 2007 put forth their views regarding reservation under the O B C. They also gave their representations to the Hon'ble Chairperson, National Commission for Backward Classes.

The minutes of the meeting/hearings are still awaited from the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

M. K. S.
22/10/07

Special Secretary (TW)