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ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Tribal Welfare
Secretariat Complex, Port Blair

Port Blair, dated 10th July, 2007

To

The Assistant Secretary (Home)
A & N Administration
Secretariat.

Sub:- The Inter State Council Meeting held on 9th December 2006- Offences of untouchability against the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 18-74/2004- Home (PF II) dated 5th June 2007 on the above mentioned subject and to state that in A & N Islands no scheduled caste community has been notified and the practice of untouchability is non-existent here.

Regarding atrocities against SCs/STs, as per Annual Report on the working of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 for the calendar year ended 31st December, 2006 furnished by the Police Department, during the year 2006, "during the year 2006, 17 cases have been registered under SC/STs (POA) Act 1989. Out of 17 cases 16 are against trespassers who entered in reserved area for Jarawa (Aboriginal tribe) for hunting of wild boars, deers and collecting forest produce, which are resources for the livelihood of the Jarawas. Prior to 2006, these trespassers were booked under Protection of Aboriginal tribes Regulation 1956 (PAT) only. As the PAT 1956 was found ineffective to check the trespassers, since 2006 such trespassers are booked under SC/STs (POA) Act with PAT Regulation."

State Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committee and District Level Monitoring Committees have been constituted to review implementation of the Act and to provide relief and rehabilitation facilities to the victims and prosecution of atrocity cases under Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

Yours faithfully

22/7/07
Assistant Commissioner (TW)
(T6-Atrocities)

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