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F.No. 1-949/2013-TW / 598
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated 3rd July, 2013

To

The Assistant Secretary (Plg),
A & N Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub: Implementation of the minutes of the 13th IDA meeting held
in PMO and the decisions of the State Planning Board
meeting & District Planning Board meeting.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to the Principal Secretary
(Plg)'s U.O. Note No. 3-4(104)/2012-2013-IDA(PMO) dated
2.7.2013 on the above cited subject and furnish herewith the
updated status on the following issues:

Point (c) Recognition of Schedule Tribes status:

The Ranchi Association of A&N Islands had represented to
this Administration as well as the Government of India in the past
seeking recognition of the migrated Ranchi community (Scheduled
Tribes in relation to the States of Bihar & Jharkhand) as Scheduled
Tribes of A&N Islands but their demand/ request could not be
acceded to as they are migrant and are not original inhabitants of
these island and the interest of the aboriginal tribes of this UT
being more backward will adversely be affected.

Being aggrieved, they filed a writ petition in the High Court
of Calcutta in 2006 which was dismissed with the observation that
none of the Ranchis nor any tribes who have migrated from the
mainland have been included in the presidential order (The
Constitution (A&N Islands) Scheduled Tribes order 1959).

The Ranchi Association filed an appeal being MAT No. 023 of
2006 before the Division Bench of High Court of Calcutta Circuit
Bench at Port Blair, which too was dismissed on 07.08.2006 on the
same ground. The Ranchi Association further filed a Review
Petition being No. 01 of 2007 in the High Court of Calcutta Circuit
bench at Port Blair which was disposed of on 14.2.2007 declining
to entertain the Review petition.

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