

In the wake of dismissal of their writ petitions they have filed Appeal © 9845-9847 of 2008 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the said appeal have been tagged along with similar appeal namely Appeal © 4494 of 2006 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The two Judges Bench comprising Mr Justice B. Sudershan Reddy & Mr Justice Surender Singh Nijjar in their order dated 7.10.2010 has directed the Registry to place the papers before the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India for constituting a bench of appropriate strength to resolve the extent and nature of interplay & the interaction among Articles 16 (4), 341 (1) and 342 (1) of the Constitution in the matter of enlistment of Scheduled Tribe migrated to another State from the State of their origin.

As such, the matter regarding recognition of migrant Ranchi Community as Scheduled Tribe in relation to the A&N Islands is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. However, a proposal for grant of special status to Chotanagpuri (Ranchi Community) for 4% reservation in posts/services of the A&N Administration was submitted to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide this Admn's letter No.1-554/2010-TW/43 dated 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2012. MHA vide their letter dated 30.4.2013 has informed that the matter will be considered after the disposal of the Appeals by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Point (f) Removal of restriction of development in tribal reserve:

In the Andaman and Nicobar Islands six aboriginal tribes ie. Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Shompens and Nicobarese have been declared as Scheduled Tribes under Article 342 (1) of the Indian Constitution vide Andaman & Nicobar Islands Scheduled Tribes Order 1959.

The Area inhabited by the Scheduled Tribes of A & N Islands has been declared as reserved area under the A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956. The interests of the tribal on the land situated in the reserve area are fully protected under the provision of the Regulation.

The Regulation 1956 has been got amended by Govt. of India in July'2012 empowering the Administrator to declare Buffer Zone around the Tribal Reserve restricting setting up of large scale commercial and tourist establishment in order to protect the interest of Jarawas, the Administration issued Buffer Zone Notification dated 17.1.2013 which has been upheld by the Supreme Court.