Sl	Agenda Points	Suggestions made by Shri B.P Ray, Member of Parliament	Present Status/Action Taken
c.	Recognition of Schedule Tribe 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.

In the wake of dismissal of their writ petitions they have filed Appeal (C) 9845-9847 of 2008 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the said appeal have been tagged along with similar appeal namely Appeal (C) 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 |