

ff.	Extension of reservation benefits -ST	<p>a). Hon'ble Supreme Court decided the matter regarding extensions of reservation benefits to the other States SCs/STs in the UT of Pondicherry Administration and same benefits are also equally applicable to A&N, Administration. In this matter the Ministry of Home Affairs already advised the Chief Secretary of A & N Administration by their letter No.U-13034/127/2005 - ANL dated 27th Sept, 2005 that extension of reservation benefits to another States STs residing in A & N Islands in the light of Judgment given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of S.Puspa Vs. - Sivachanmugavelu dated 11-02-2005, in Civil Appeal No. 6-7 of 1998.</p> <p>b). But the A & N Administration till today not taken any appropriate action on the above mentioned letter of Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI. New Delhi. Justice should be given to the poor SCs/STs of another States residing in A & N Islands.</p>	<p>The Adivasis of Chotanagpur popularly known as Ranchis, have been settled in these Islands under the rehabilitation scheme of the Govt. of India. Subsequently a sizeable population of the Ranchis have migrated from their State of origin on their own and settled in these Islands. They are not Scheduled Tribes in relation to the A&N Islands as they are not included in the Constitutional Order No.58 - the constitution (Andaman & Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959.</p> <p>With regard to migrant Scheduled Tribes, the Policy laid down by the Govt.of India is that where a person migrates from one State to another State, he / she can claim to belong to a caste/tribe/community only in relation to State which he/she originally belonged and not in respect of the State to which he / she has migrated.</p> <p>Therefore, the people of migrant communities are not the original inhabitants of these islands like other aboriginal tribes of Andaman and Nicobar islands. The Scheduled Tribes notified are the original inhabitants of these islands, and the migrants from mainland are not covered under the Govt. of India's Notification dated 31.3.1959 vide Constitutional Order No.58:</p> <p>In view this; the Administration feels that classification of the immigrant Scheduled tribe of this UT will be detrimental to the interests of the Scheduled Tribes of these Islands. A "Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No. 8040-42 of 2007 with No. 9845 - 9847 of 2008 -The Ranchi Association -VS-UOI & Others" is before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.</p>
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