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PUC is letter No.11012/6/2009-PCR(DESK) dated 19/11/09 from the Joint secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi regarding National Award for outstanding fieldwork in eradicating untouchability and combating offences of atrocities against Scheduled Castes for the year 2009. As per PUC, the Govt. of India in the year 2006 had instituted four National Awards to be given to Non Governmental Organizations / individual Human Right Activists who have done outstanding field work in the area of eradicating untouchability and in combating offences of atrocities under Protection of Civil Right Act 1955 (PCR Act) and the SCs/STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989. Accordingly it has been requested to furnish proposal in respect of this UT latest by 31/3/2010.

Regarding offences of untouchability against SCs/STs is concerned, it is stated that no scheduled caste community has been notified in A & N Islands and the practice of untouchability is non-existent in these Islands. Therefore, if approved, we may inform Nil report to the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Accordingly a draft letter is put up for approval please.

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Research officer (J)
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Assistant Commissioner (TW)

A draft reply is placed in the file at the opposite., may kindly be approved.

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