

5. Therefore, it is submitted that it would not be practical to identify the members and descendents of the Balmiki Community. The present policy of the Administration is on maintaining social harmony and continuing a casteless society in the Islands.

This issues with the approval of the Lt. Governor.

Yours sincerely

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Copy to Dr. K S Sugathan, Joint Secretary(UT), Ministry of Home Affairs along with a copy of the summary of the discussion with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes held at Port Blair on 21st June, 2004 and a copy of the letter of National Commission for scheduled castes dated 26th August, 2004. The matter is submitted for information and advice of MHA, if any.

2. ^{Dr. S.K.} ~~Sri~~ Naskar, Commissioner for Scheduled Castes, Regional Office, Kolkata.

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