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Secretariat

Port Blair, dated & th March, 2011

To

Shri T Narasimhan, Under Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block- New Delhi -

Sub:-Draft Cabinet note for Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs on Finalization of stand to be taken on behalf of the Union of India in the Supreme Court in WP(C) no.180/2004 and related cases regarding specification of certain categories converts to Christianity and Islam as Scheduled Castes received from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 11011/3/2011-UTL dated 10/2/2011 addressed to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration on above mentioned subject and to state that in this Union Territory, no Scheduled Castes has been notified. Practice of untouchability is non-existent in these islands and none of the community suffer any caste discrimination. The policy of A & N Administration is to maintain the existing social harmony and continuing a casteless society in these Islands.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner (TW)