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Kindly recall our telephonic conversation this morning regarding the proposed visit of Shri Kameshwar Paswan, Vice-Chairman, National Commission for Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes to these islands from 21st December, 1999 to 25th December, 1999. As explained to you, this Administration is presently in the midst of making arrangements for the observance of the first sunrise of the new millennium from Katchal Island in the Nicobar Group. We expect several Union Ministers and other dignitaries to visit this Union Territory to participate in this observance/celebration. The Union Ministry of Tourism is actively involved in coordinating arrangements for this event. Given ^{the} great distance to Katchal from Port Blair, our infrastructure with regard to accommodation, vehicle, shipping, etc. are under considerable stress at the moment, apart from pre-occupations of the limited number of officers in the Administration including the Chief Secretary, not to mention the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, with this event. In view of this, I may be permitted to suggest that if the Hon'ble Vice-Chairman could be requested to visit this Union Territory in the second week of January, 2000, we would be honoured to be in a better position to give our undivided attention to his visit and attend ^{ant} ~~the~~ deliberations. In this connection, the date of 10th January, 2000 is suggested. I shall be grateful for a line, by way of confirmation.

Warm regards.


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Chief Secretary