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D.O.No. 20/1/A&N/2011/RU-III

Respected Sir Shinde,

I am seeking your intervention in connection with grant of special status to the Chotanagpuri (Ranchi) community with reference to Andman & Nicobar (A&N) Administration proposal dated 13.01.2012, addressed the MHA (copy enclosed).

2. During the visit of the Commission to the A & N Islands in November, 2011 to assess implementation of reservation policy and development programmes for STs, the Commission had received representations that the ST migrants, particularly those hailing from the Chotanagpur region from the States of Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Orissa and some other States from the mainland (approximately 70,000), who were taken taken to A & N Islands in 1918 by DFO South Andman for working in the development of islands, and subsequently settled therein, were not being accorded ST status in the Islands. Thus, such migrated STs stood deprived of their legitimate claims with regard to development benefits and reservation in services and admission in educational institutions etc. based on the ST certificate issued by the competent authorities of their respective States, though having significantly contributed towards the development of the Island. On the other hand, many settlers' communities, who migrated later on, were given the status of OBC by the Administration.

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3. Pursuant to the discussion held by the Commission with the A & N Islands Administration during the visit, the A & N Administration has forwarded their proposal vide letter No. dated 13/12/2012, addressed to the MHA for grant of special status to STs migrated from Chotanagpur region to A & N Islands for separate 4% reservation in posts/services/technical and non-technical higher education quota under A & N Administration. The special status of 4% reservation in posts/services of the Administration will be over and above the existing reservation for STs and not within the existing quota already earmarked.

4. Considering the position explained above and the fact that the migrated STs from the Chotanagpur region have considerably suffered due to non-recognition of their status as STs in relation to the A & N Islands for decades, I would request your intervention for an urgent consideration of the proposal received from the A & N Administration.

With high regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(Dr. Rameshwar Oraon)

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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE,
Secretariat Complex, Port Blair.**

Port Blair, dated 13th January 2012.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
New Delhi. 110 001

[Attention; Shri M.Gopal Reddy, Joint Secretary (UT)]

Sub: Proposal for Grant Special Status to Chotanagpuri (Ranchi) Community resident in A & N Islands for 4% reservation in posts/services/Technical & Non-Technical higher education quota under A & N Administration.

Sir,

I am directed to state that since long the Chotanagpuri Community -Oran, Munda, Khariya, Santhali, Bendia, Gond Lohra/Lohara, Chick Baraik, Karwa, Mahli, Nagesia-Nagasia, Majhi, Nagwansi, Dhanwar, Bhogta, Ghasi, Turi, & Domra (popularly known as Ranchis) brought to Andaman and Nicobar Islands in early and mid 1900 for forestry and other works are demanding for recognition as a Scheduled Tribe of A & N Islands.

As far as the reservation policy of A & N Administration is concerned, it is confined to the six indigenous tribes only and reservation benefits are not extended to the migrant SCs/STs of other States/UTs. Therefore, the demand for scheduling of Chotanagpuri Community has not been considered so far.

As per the instructions contained in the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi letter No. BC-16014/1/82-SC&BCD-1 dated 6th August 1984, "the SC/ST person on migration from the State of his origin to another State will not lose his status as SCs/STs but he will be entitled to the concessions/benefits admissible to the SCs/STs from the State of his origin and not from the State where he has migrated". Therefore, in this UT, the people of migrant communities are not covered under reservation.

In light of Supreme Courts Order dated 11.2.2005 in Civil Appeal No.6-7 of 1998, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their letter No. 13034/127/2005-ANL dated 27th September 2005 has advised A & N Administration "to take further appropriate action on the representation submitted by Ranchi Association for extension of the benefits to them being STs of another state."


There was 12% reservation for Scheduled Tribes for direct recruitment to the Group 'C & D' posts in terms of the Govt. of India, Department of Personnel and Training, New Delhi vide O.M No.36013/4/85-Estt. (SCT), dated 24.5.1985. However, this has been brought down to 8% with effect from 23.6.2011, in terms of the Govt. of India, Department of Personnel and Training New Delhi OM No.36017/1/2004-Estt(Res) dated 5.7.2005 and in terms of Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. U-14012/5/2006-ANL dated 8.3.2011. This 4% is now added to un-reserved (General) category.

As we do not have Scheduled Caste in A & N Islands, 38% reservation is given to OBCs for Group 'C & D' posts under A & N Administration, as approved by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment vide No.12011/13/2004-BCC dated 12.9.2005. This 38% OBC Quota also includes the quota which is meant for Scheduled Castes, as per the recommendations of the A&N Commission for Other Backward Classes.

In view of above, A & N Administration proposes to **grant special category or status to Chotanagpuri Community - Oran, Munda, Khariya, Santhali, Bendia, Gond, Lohra/Lohara, Chick Baraik, Karwa, Mahli, Nagesia-Nagasia, Majhi, Nagwansi, Dhanwar, Bhogta, Ghasi, Turi, Domra (popularly known as Ranchis in A & N Islands) resident in A & N Islands for 4% reservation in direct recruitment to the Group C & D posts/services/Technical & Non-Technical higher education quota under A & N Administration.**

The A & N Islands being a UT without legislature, it is requested that the approval of the Government of India may kindly be obtained and communicated to this Administration for issuance of formal notification in this regard.

Yours faithfully


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(Ajai Saxena)

Principal Secretary (TW)

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