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Ministry of Home Affairs

D.O. No.8/1/92-SS(Karnataka)

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Dear Ms. Pant,

Please refer to your office letter No.12016/12/2001-TA(RL) (PART)/C&LM dated 26th October, 2006 regarding recommendation/ views for inclusion of 'Medara' as synonym of Meda, a Scheduled Tribe in Karnataka.

2. As per the published ethnographic information, names 'Meda' and 'Medara' are identical and refer to one community. Two ethnographers, Thurston, E.(Castes and Tribes of Southern India, Vol.V 1975 Reprint: Page 52) and Luiz, A.A.D. (Tribes of Mysore, 1963, Page-153) have considered 'Meda' and 'Medara' as equivalent names/synonymous. Luiz has further mentioned that "the names Medara, Medarlu and Medar appear to be the corruption of Makariga, the Kannada for split bamboo, the chief raw material for their ostensible occupation,Medars appear to be the Kannada speaking Lingayath Buruds, and the others are the Marathi speaking". According to Nanjundayya, H.V. & Iyer, L.K.A. (The Mysore Tribes and Castes, Vol. IV, Page : 191), the common name of 'Medar' is 'Medara'.

3. In view of above, Ministry may consider favourably the inclusion of 'Medara' as synonym/equivalent name of 'Meda' in the STs list.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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