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49 PUC letter No. 2-79/2005/Rev. dated 29/5/07 and enclosure is received from the Joint Secretary (Rev) A & N Admn. regarding grievances of Post- 48 Bengali Refugee Settlers and demands of Bengali association, BAANI.

58 It has been requested to furnish our opinion / comment on demand of the Bengali Association for commissioning the Scheduled Caste Commission for the Post- 48 Settlers and Pre-42 Settlers as they are rooted in these islands having no other statehood.

51 In this regard, it is stated that no Scheduled Caste has been notified in relation to the A&N Islands. The A & N Administration has specified the following communities namely Pre- 1942 settlers of A & N Islands comprising of the (1) Local Borns (2) Bhatus or the Bhantus (3) Moplas and (4) Karens and post-1942 Bengali Settlers, settled in the islands under various rehabilitation schemes of the Central Government as Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in respect of A & N Islands vide A & N Admn. Notification No.343/2005/F.No.8-3/2003-TW dated 16.12./2005 and as amended vide No.75/2006/ F.No.8-3/2003-TW dated 19/4/06 (Copy at page 194/C)

52 Since the Pre- 1942 settlers and the Post-1942 Bengali Settlers settled in A & N Islands have already been notified as OBCs of these islands, the demand for commissioning the Scheduled Caste Commission for the Post- 48 Settlers and Pre-42 Settlers seems to be not justified. Therefore, if approved, we may furnish our comments on above lines to the Joint secretary (Revenue). A draft letter is put up for perusal and approval please.

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