

Regarding Scheduled Caste community is concerned, No Scheduled Caste community has been notified in relation to the A&N Islands. A demand of the Bengali Association for commissioning the Scheduled Caste Commission for the Post- 48 Settlers and Pre-42 Settlers rooted in these islands was received through the Joint Secretary (Rev) A & N Administration in which it was decided that 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. This was communicated to the Administration vide our letter No. 1-554/2004-TW/ 293 dated 5/07/2007 (Copy at Page 195 /C)

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Regarding OBCs is concerned, 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)

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As informed by the Member Secretary, National Commission for Backward Classes, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India vide letter No. National Commission for Backward Class/RW/PH A & N Islands 2007 dated 4/7/07, the national Commission for Backward classes proposes to hold a Public Hearing at Port Blair on 3.8.2007 regarding inclusion of castes/communities/ sub-castes/ synonyms in the Central list of OBC for the UT of A & N Islands and to hear various linguistic associations who have represented to Hon'ble Minister of State SJ&E during her official visit to the islands in April, 2007 with regard to reservation extended to communities in the Islands under OBC Category. Therefore demand related to for inclusion of castes/ communities/ sub-castes/synonyms in the Central list of OBC for the UT of A & N Islands or other linguistic matters if any can heard by the National Commission for Backward classes during their visit. (Copy at page 195-198/C)

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If approved, we may furnish a report on above lines to the Secretary to Lt. Governor, for information of Hon'ble Lt. Governor. A draft letter is put up for perusal and approval please.

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