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Port Blair, dated the 11th Nov., 2006.

To
Shri Ram Vilash Paswan,
The President,
Lok Jansakti Party,
New Delhi (Camp in Port Blair).

Subject :- Grievances of the Post-48 Bengali Refugee Settlers and demands
of BAANI—reg.

Sir,

We would like to inform you the actual and real facts regarding what have been happening in these islands and the injustice which is being done to the Post-48 Bengali Refugee Settlers since their settlement in 1949 in the most isolated and remote areas of A & N Islands.

The innocent victims of the partition and Independence of India who had never thought of the sacrifices and the price they had to pay for it subsequently. They had to become helpless refugee overnight losing everything including the most loved ancestral birth- place for generations since the time unknown to them. Lacs of them were killed and the whole race (Hindu Bengalees) was scattered all over the country, e.g. West Bengal, Purnia in Bihar, Nasik in Maharastra, Dandakaranya in Orissa, Nainital in Uttar Anchal, Tripura, Assam, Other N-E states, Delhi, A&N Islands and even in some foreign Countries.

In spite of all odds, these refugee Bengalees have retained their very identity intact and preserved their culture, customs, language, castes and religion. They have never compromised with these treasures of their own for which they are respected all over the world.

In A & N Islands Bengali refugees (200 families only) were first settled by the Ministry of Rehabilitation, Government of West Bengal in 1949 in the remote and rural areas of South Andaman (i.e. Ferrarganj, Manpur, Chouldary, Manglutan, Wandoor, etc.) under severe protest from the convicts. As a result the settlement of the rest of the 800 families of the Bengali Refugee were stopped.