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availability of land may therefore have to be explored in Andaman Islands, where group of Sri Lankan families could be settled in different villages having South Indian settler communities. This resettlement could provide for :-

- i) Allotment of 100-150 sq mt land for residence only to individual family units of Sri Lankan settlers in villages in Andaman Islands, on shifting from Katchal.
- ii) The settlers who are in employment of ANIFPDC at Katchal could be accommodated on same posts in branches of ANIFPDC in Andaman Islands on transfer basis.
- iii) Any left out settler who are not in govt. employment may have to seek employment in private sector or go into entrepreneurship.
- iv) All the Sri Lankan settlers in Katchal shall have to shift lock, stock and barrel to the new allotted sites in Andaman Islands. Vacated area in Katchal will come to custody of the administration. While housing area could be considered for allotment to various govt. departments and other government projects, decision with regard to plantation area could be taken after obtaining views of ANIFPDC.

7. Matter is accordingly submitted for consideration.

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