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different parts of these islands. Later on, the retired army Personnel too were brought under the same scheme and settled at Campbell Bay.

3. Under the rehabilitation scheme, these settlers have been given arable lands, sites for house construction and agricultural land along with monetary help etc. More importantly, they have been guaranteed reservation in the government jobs too.
4. Unfortunately, the Ranchi people, who are 15% of the total population of these islands, toiled relentlessly and worked under the most inhospitable conditions to make these islands inhabitable since beginning, now they have been totally ignored by the Administration and the Government of India as well. They are neither treated at par with the settlers by providing lands in their name nor considered for ST status. Infact they now constitute the lowest rung of the society and present day they are the poorest of poor in the Andaman Islands. Today, they are seeking a little relief in terms of inclusion themselves in ST category as well as status of settlers.
5. The Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, a non-governmental organization, has been working among them since 1990 for their all round development. The aforementioned issues have been taken up with the Administration and Government of India from time to time but till today our efforts and prayers have not considered so far.

We, therefore, pray to your good office to take up the real cause of Ranchi community's to the concerned authorities for consideration of their land allotments and ST status in A&N Islands and we would be grateful to you forever.

Yours faithfully

General Secretary