

KAREN YOUTH ORGANISATION

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That, Karens are peace loving, honest and hard working people. They have lived all these years peacefully with very few demands. Cultivation of paddy is the main occupation of all Karens. Shell fishing and hunting were some other occupations. But now restrictions have been imposed on these activities and as a result the Karens find themselves in a tight corner to earn their livelihood.

That, Karens are settled only in the Union Territory Of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and nowhere else on the mainland. There is only one Karen Tribe here, i.e. "SGAW KAREN". We have our own distinct culture, language and individual policy of economy. All these years we have been maintaining our distinct culture, language and ethnicity and at the same time adapting to various conditions to which our numerical inferiority subjected us. Therefore, unless sufficient guarantees of ethnic and linguistic minority rights and the Constitutional Status i.e. (S.T.) is given to us, the Karen culture, language and ethnicity will face extinction after some years.

That, since our inception- i.e. 76 years from now, we have not been given any sort of reservation, privilege or cream opportunity to represent in various services and aspect of development in the islands. By way of our own hard work, the following Karens are in the services of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration and all in low positions.

1. Education:

a) GTT	- 2
<u>Dept.</u> b) Librarian-	1
c) PST	- 14
2. Health Dept.

a) Doctor	- 1
b) P.N.O.	- 1
c) N/Sister	- 1
d) LHV	- 2
e) ANM	- 2
f) Pharmacist-	1
3. Forest Dept:

a) Forest Ranger-	2
b) Forester/Guard-	3
4. Police Dept:

a) Constable-	10
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