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The same situation of harmonious and casteless society continues to prevail in A&N Islands. As such there is no compelling reason to modify the policy stand already taken by the Administration in this respect.

Furthermore, Bengali Refugees settled in these islands have now been included in the list of OBCs as identified by the OBC Commission of A&N Islands. The report of the Commission is under consideration of the Administration. With the notification of Bengali Settlers as OBCs, they would be entitled to get the further benefits as admissible.

As such we may inform the A.S.(Home), A&N Administration in the above lines.

(S.A. Awaradi) Director (TW) 12.9.2003

Secretary (TW)

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