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2.	<p>Granting of Scheduled Caste status to the large numbers of Telegu, Tamil, East Bengal refugees in A&N Islands.</p> <p>50. Secreary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment informed that no proposal has been submitted bitted b A&N Administration on granting Scheduled Caste status to Telegu, Tamil and East Bengal Refugees in A&N Islands.</p>	<p><u>Granting of Scheduled Caste Status to the large number of Telugu, Tamil, East Bengal Refugees</u></p> <p>There are no SCs notified in relation to the A&N Islands. The Telugu and Tamils, who are stated to be belonging to SC category in the mainland, have migrated from mainland and settled in these islands. As per the policy laid down, the Govt. of India with regard to migrant SC/ST Committee, if a person migrates from one State to another State he / she can claim to belong to a caste / tribe / community only in relation to State which he/she originally belongs and not in respect of the State to which he / she has migrated. As such the Tamil and Telugu belonging to SC category in mainland are not eligible for ST status here.</p> <p>✓ The East Bengal refugees i.e., Bengali settlers who are also stated to be belonging to SC category in the mainland have been settled in these islands under the approved rehabilitation schemes of the Government, they too would have been SCs in the State of their origin i.e., East Bengal, had they not been brought hear for settlement. As per the policy laid down by the Govt. of India in respect of SC / ST migrated from one State to another, they are also not eligible for SC status here. Moreover, the criteria for scheduling as SC i.e untouchability is non-existant here.</p>

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