

Reverend Sir,

I humbly beg to submit before your honour some long-standing problems of the Bengalee Refugees of the above mentioned S.C. communities, rehabilitated in different states of India as expressed in the subject indicated above, for favour of your Honour's kind perusal and redress.

I am describing in nut-shell the problems of the Bengalee Refugees who are the bitterest Victims of partition of Bengal in 1947 which runs as under :-

On account of communal disturbances in erstwhile East-Pakistan (now Bangladesh) lakhs of Hindus were compelled to come over to West Bengal. Then lakhs of farmer families belonging to the communities of Namasudra, Poudra, Rajbanshi, Jole, etc. who belonged to the Schedule Castes were sent through transit camps set up by the Central Govt. to different states of India such as Bihar, Maharastra, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, M.P., Rajsthan, U.P., Karnataka, Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands for Proper rehabilitation. They were recognized as scheduled Castes till they were under the Supervision of the D.D. Project, under the Govt. of India, Ministry of Refugee rehabilitation. But when that R.R. Deptt. was abolished, all the refugees went under the supervision of the respective state of their rehabilitation.

Therefore they were no more treated as S.C. in all those states, as their names were not included in the S.C. lists of those states.

Thereafter, we requested the state Govt.s and also the Govt. of India to recognize them as scheduled castes on the ground that they had been treated as S.C. before partition of Bengal and all these communities are now treated as scheduled castes in the six

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