

- Mostly illiterate.
- Declared as Scheduled Tribe (S.T.)
- 20% of the seats for higher education including professional courses are reserved for them.
- There is a separate quota in government jobs for them.

II. PEOPLE HAVING 10 YEARS CONTINUOUS EDUCATION IN THESE ISLANDS

- Percentage of population of this category is highest and changing every year.
- They may be more than 50% of the total Population.
- Majority stay in Port Blair. But they are scattered all over the Islands.
- Mostly in Govt. service, labourers and traders.
- Majority are Tamil, Bangalee, malayalee, Telugu, and people from Bihar, U.P. and M.P.
- They are mostly educated and well to do.
- They have statehood in Mainland of India.
- 20% of the seats for higher education is reserved for them in these islands and in Mainland of India.

III. A) THOSE SETTLED UNDER PENAL SETTLEMENT PRIOR TO 1942 (BEFORE JAPANEES OCCUPATION OF THESE ISLANDS)

- Mostly descendents of hard-core criminals imprisoned in these islands since mid of nineteenth century.
- They were sent by British to these islands from mainland of India, Pakistan, Myanmar, mayalasia, Srilanka, Bangaladesh, Afganistan, Middle-East etc. Few are the descendents of government employees, businessmen etc. Kran - a Burmese trive was brought to work in jungles during British rule. They are settled at Mayabunder.
- There is hardly any freedom fighter as claimed by some at present since most had left or died. First batch of prisoners were incarcerated at North Andaman (Diglipur) who revolted against the British in 1957. But mostly died of malaria and the Island was abundant.
- They lost their original identity except Moplars and Krans.
- They are known as "locals"
- Their population is approximately 5-7% of the total population of these islands.
- Most are educated, rich and employed in Government Departments.
- Privileged category. Most of them are settled in and around Port Blair and enjoy all the privileges.
- They have no other statehood except A & N Islands.
- 17% of the seats for higher education is reserved for them in this territory since 1994. They availed 50% of seats from 1981 to 1993.