

III.B) SETTLERS BROUGHT BY G.O.I. UNDER COLONISATION AND REHABILITATION SCHEMES SINCE 1949:

- Mainly Hindu refugees and their descendants from East Bengal (later East Pakistan and now Bangladesh)
- All are settled in far-flung, inaccessible & isolated areas. i.e. the rural areas of South Andaman, North & Middle Andamans, Little Andaman, Neil Island, Havelock etc.
- They do not have any other statehood except A & N Islands.
- Some families from Kerala were settled at Betapur, Trivanchikulam, CFO Nallah in Middle Andaman, Keralapuram in North Andaman and in some villages of South Andaman. Ex-Servicemen families have been settled at Great Nicobar. They have statehood in other states of Mainland of India.
- Most of them are cultivators and are very poor and most backward.
- Majority of them belong to scheduled caste(SC) communities.
- These islands prospered due to them and 95% of food grains and vegetables are produced by them.
- About 19% of the total population of these islands belong to this category.
- Most under-privileged category.
- 17% of the seats for higher education is reserved for them since 1994.

However, 50% seats are reserved for both the categories of settlers as a whole. About 16% of the seats are allotted on combined merit list of both the categories i.e. III(a) & III(b) and most of these combined seats are obtained by III(a). Hence, 5-7% people (i.e. pre-'42 Settlers) are getting almost 33% of seats. (but a case has been filed in supreme court by category II and the matter is subjudiced).

IV) DEPUTATIONISTS:

- Most privileged group mainly comprising IAS, IPS, IFS and defence officers and staff.
- Few in number.
- 10% of the seats for higher education is reserved for their children.

Different Policy For Government Employment: For government service, category I, II, III and those stayed for 10 years (for group 'D' posts) are considered based on local certificates issued by the revenue authorities. Children/spouse of central government or any other person studied or stayed for 10 years in these islands are eligible for local certificate and government job. There is a quota for S.C. in central govt. departments. People having statehood in mainland of India irrespective of any category and belonging to SC communities are availing the jobs in these central govt. departments. People having statehood in A & N Islands only i.e. category I and III (except settlers from Kerala and Ex-servicemen) are deprived of SC provisions even though most of the settlers belong to S.C. communities. There should have been a reservation for govt. jobs in the same manner as that of for higher studies since there is no reservation for S.C. in these islands.