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Peculiar distribution of population, pattern of settlement and great disparity of development in these islands deprived the majority. About 40% of the total population of A&N Islands live in North & Middle Andamans. There is hardly any development in these islands. The other backward areas are Chouldary, Manpur, Tirur, Wandoor, Neil and Havelock Islands, Little Andamans etc. Government job is a dream for the people of category III(b) (i.e. settlers settled under Colonisation & Rehabilitation Schemes).

Due to partial attitude and wrong policies of the administration people living outside Port Blair in general and people belonging to category III(b) in particular remained most backward. There are many villages yet to be connected by roads in these islands; Supply of potable water is a great concern specially at Rangat and the surrounding areas throughout the year and is extreme during winter.

People are completely dependent on government schools for education and on health centres for health in these islands. Quality of education in rural schools is extremely poor. Performance of students of rural schools in CBSE examinations for class X & XII reflect the same. There is no constitutional body i.e. Legislative Assembly for these islands. Only the officers from outside running the administration and most of them lack interest as well as knowledge about these islands. The budgetary allocation is more than enough for an approximate population of 3.5 lacs at present in this territory. If the annual budget (including plan and non-plan) is divided by the number of total population, the per head allocation is in lacs and may be highest in India.

We have made representations and discussed with concerned authorities and persons regarding these problems. Therefore, once more we draw your kind attention into the following genuine problem of these islands:-

1. **DECLARATION OF SEPARATE DISTRICT FOR NORTH & MIDDLE ANDAMANS WITH RANGAT AS DISTRICT HEAD QUARTERS:**

There was a proposal to declare North and Middle Andamans as a separate district. It has been dropped recently. About 40% of the total population of A&N Islands are living in North and Middle Andamans; But unfortunately, they remained most deprived in all aspects. Most of the people are living at Rangat, Kadamtala, Billiground and Diglipur; Rangat is the second largest populated area ( Port Blair being the first) in these islands.

There has been a desperate attempt to develop Mayabunder as the District Head Quarters where Moplars and Krans (Category III(a)) are settled. Population of Mayabunder including government employees may be 4 to 5 thousand only. A degree college has been shifted there from Car Nicobar and the hospital has been up-graded to a District Hospital against the wishes of the people of these islands. Thus, public