

amenities have been taken away from the majority violating the articles of the Indian constitution.

From Mayabunder to Uttara is a single and the largest island; Rangat is almost at the centre; but part of this island i.e. from Swadesh Nagar to Mayabunder has been declared a part of North Andaman and is under Mayabunder Tahsil. This is causing confusion, misunderstanding and difficulties.

At present, there are three Tahsils (Rangat, Mayabunder and Diglipur), five police stations and eleven Sr. Secondary schools (One each at Diglipur and Kalighat and nine are in one island i.e. in Middle Andaman).

A new district need to be created. There may be two Sub-Divisions in the proposed new District each at Rangat and Diglipur. There should be more Tahsils in N & M Andaman i.e. at Kalighat, Billiground and Kadamtala.

Therefore, for the development of North & Middle Andamans and to stop the disparity of development in these islands, a separate district is a must comprising Middle and North Andamans with Rangat as the district head quarters.

2. COMMISSIONING OF SCHEDULED CASTE COMMISSION IN A&N ISLANDS TO DECLARE THE S.C. COMMUNITIES OF THESE ISLANDS (THAT IS, FOR THE PEOPLE HAVING A&N ISLANDS AS THEIR ONLY STATEHOOD)

It is very unfortunate that the OBC Commission has been commissioned in these islands without commissioning the S.C. Commission and all the nominated members in OBC Commission are from the only one category of people i.e. III(a). Not a single member from category III(b) has been nominated in this commission. Hence, the inclusion of OBC communities in this commission as per the recommendations of the people of category III(a) and others will not be acceptable to the majority.

It appears that there may be a conspiracy to include the S.C. Communities of category III(b) in OBC alongwith category III(a) and others. It is known that G.O.I. settled mainly the S.C. Communities (i.e. Namasudras, Pandakhsatryas, Sudras etc.) from East Bengal in this territory since 1949; Though the people belonging to category III(a) lost their identity, the people from East Bengal (Category III(b)) preserved their culture and identity very well in these islands. The Scheduled Caste Act was promulgated much later in the country after independence and much after the settlement here in 1949. These people from East Bengal were settled under certain terms and conditions which are yet to be fulfilled completely. They were Indians and migrated to India after their homeland was declared Pakistan. They remained Indians forever as a true patriotic citizen even after sacrificing everything. They have no other statehood except A&N Islands. But so far they are deprived of being declared as S.C. as per the provisions of Indian Constitution.