

There should be simplified Insurance Policy for the farmers. Modernisation of farming with advanced technology should be introduced in these islands. The farmers should be provided with free / subsidised Current, Water and other facilities as that of in many states of mainland of India.

Construction of small dams in feasible areas of this territory will solve multiple problems and may be utilised for irrigation, fish-culture, drinking water and to tide over the drought in future.

#### 6) ATROCITIES ON THE WEAKER SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY:

Atrocities on the weaker sections of people of these islands are still going unabated. The adivasi people from Bihar, M.P., Bengal, U.P and S.C. communities of category III (b) (i.e refugees from East Bengal) are most vulnerable. Often culprits are not punished due to various reasons.

The murder of two students at Rangat on 28<sup>th</sup> January 1982, murder of a forest guard namely Ranjeet Majhi at Mayabunder in 1986 (?), murder of 2-3 persons at Mayabunder area in 1992, rape of two ladies and murder of 12 year old son in November, 1994 at Chouldary, - are only few examples. All of these victims were poor and belonged to SC communities of East Bengal refuge families. None of the accused in the above mentioned cases has been punished so far. Rape and murder of an adivasi girl at Burma Nallah in South Andaman last year raised protests from political and social bodies. The social, economical and political backwardness of these weaker sections of people being exploited in these Islands.

#### 7) OTHER PROBLEMS:

I. Communication: This association expresses happiness to learn that Calcutta bound ships will touch at Mayabunder once a month. We hope, loading and unloading facilities for cargo are provided there and frequency is increased in future.

II. A residence and an office for conservator of forest have been constructed at Rangat. But these are being utilised by a deputy forest officer. A conservator of forest was posted in 1986; But no one had reported there and DFO Office from Long Island has been shifted to that office building meant for a higher officer. It should be utilised by the same senior official only.

III. Health Problems: The community health centre (CHC) at Rangat may be up-graded to District Hospital to benefit the majority. A Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Mayabunder is more than sufficient for 4-5 thousand people. A PHC is already proposed at Tugapur. The PHC at Billiground may be up-graded to CHC. PHCs at Bakultala and at Nimbutala are much needed. Sub-centres are needed to be established in many areas of North & Middle Andamans including Uttara, Atarji, Lakshmanpur, Parnasala-No.5, Dasarath Pur, Goalpahar, Curt Burt Bay, Lauckinallah, Tal Bagan, Paschim Sagar etc...