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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE

Port Blair, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2000

To

The Assistant Secretary (PGC),  
A & N Administration,  
Port Blair.

Sub: Problems faced by the people of A & N Islands.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 9-22/198/PGC (GA) dated 22nd September, 2000 regarding the above mentioned subject and to say that the issues mention in the representation dated 21st January, 99 of the Bengal Association A & N Islands the tribal welfare is concerned with classification of the Bengali settlers settled under various approved schemes of the Govt. as SCs. It is pointed out that the A & N Commission for OBC has been set up by this Administration in terms of the judgment of the supreme court of India delivered on 16th November, 1992 in a writ petition (civil) No. 930 of 1990 (Indira Sawney and others vs. Union of India and others) to identify the OBCs in respect of the A & N Islands, which is mandatory. The process of identification of the OBCs by the commission is in progress.

With regard to setting up of the commission of SCs and STs, it is pointed out that it is beyond the jurisdiction / power of the Administration to set up a commission for SCs and STs as demanded in the representation. However, there is a National Commission for SCs and STs constituted by the Govt. of India, which has jurisdiction all over the country including the A & N Islands. The BAANI may represent their case to the National Commission for SCs and STs for classification as SCs, if they so desire.

Yours faithfully,

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