

5) Administrative Policy:

Although the Nicobars is a prohibited area for the non-tribals, a number of non-tribals brought in the past by contractors have settled over the years. As per the provision of the PAT Regulation and rules framed thereunder, non-tribals cannot do or carry out any business in the tribal area without the sanction of the administrator. So the construction agencies like APWD, AHW awarding construction work to non-tribal contractors may insist on grant of permission by the administrator before undertaking the construction work. Besides the administration may take a policy decision not to award any work to non-tribal contractors which can be done by the tribal co-op societies.

6) Land (Residential) Problem: -

We have not received any representation regarding allotment of land to the tribals of Nicobars District. However, the Nicobarese families from Car Nicobar were shifted and settled at Hurminder Bay under the approved scheme to ease out pressure of population in 1970. Initially 50 Nicobarese families from Car Nicobar were settled at Hurminder Bay with 500 acres of agriculture land. Following the settlement, more Nicobarese families (115 families) migrated from Car Nicobar to Hurminder Bay voluntarily and started living together with the 50 Nicobarese families officially settled. In fact the 500 acres land initially allotted are shared by all the Nicobarese families including those shifted to Hurminder Bay voluntarily.

They have been demanding allotment of additional land at par with the settlers settled under various rehabilitation schemes of the Govt. Each settler settled under different rehabilitation schemes has been allotted 5 acres paddy and 5 acres hilly land. Taking into account the demand for additional land, the Ministry of Defence had released 310 acres of land at Hut Bay, Little Andaman out of 410 acres land allotted to Navy. Accordingly a proposal identifying Survey Nos. of the land to be surrendered has already been sent to the Ministry of Defence by the Navy [has informed by Deputy Commissioner (Andamans District)]. Further action would be possible only when land is finally handed over by Navy to Revenue Department.