

They were employed in the rubber project at Katchal and were allotted with half-an-acre of land for the purpose of Kitchen Garden. However, this land was allotted without any documents such as patta, as Katchal Island is Tribal Area. Thus the families have not been really rehabilitated in real sense. The Island being a Tribal Area there is always constraints for economic activities and growth. The meager daily Rated wage from the Rubber Project (now Forest Corporation) for two working members in a family is not adequate for the growing size of the families. Even today the families are residing in the barracks allotted by the Rubber Project, which is hardly adequate for the grown up family size. There are other associated innumerable social problems for the youths also, in terms of good education employment opportunities etc.

Most of the family members have retired from the Rubber Project during this 28 period of stay. They neither have any alternate means of livelihood like agriculture etc. in the absence of any land available with them, nor any opportunity to seek employment in any private organizations. At this juncture, the solution may be as under: -

- Allotment of Cultivate land for each family as was allotted to other settlers settled in these Islands.
- The settlers may be shifted to other Non- Tribal Islands.

**Point-13**

**Sanction of Risk /Hard Area allowance to the employees of A&N Administration working in Southern Group of Islands ( i.e Nicobar District )**

**Background:**

- (i) Entire Nicobar District except Campbell Bay is reserved area
- (ii) Life is tough and monotonous in the reserved areas.
- (iii) Essential items such as salt, edible oil, pulse etc. not available
- (iv) No extra incentive / allowances given to employees
- (v) Instances are there - where government servants resigned from service after being posted to reserved areas .
- (vi) Huddy is the only transport for reaching cut-off islands
- (vii) Cost of living abnormally high (50-60%)
- (viii) Huge number of posts lying vacant in different institutions

**Suggestion**

- (i) Incentive to be given to staff to attract them in tough areas
- (ii) Allowance proposed @ Rs. 1500/- for Group 'A', Rs. 1200/- for Group 'B', Rs 1000/- for Group 'C' and Rs. 800/- for group 'D' per month (on slab basis)

**Point-14**

**Naming the Government District Hospital at Car Nicobar as 'BISHOP JOHN RICHARDSON HOSPITAL', and Air Port at Car Nicobar as 'EDWARD KUCHED AIR PORT '**

**Background:**

- (i) Late John Richardson nominated as Member of Parliament in 1952
- (ii) Conferred Doctorate in Divinity in 1966 by college of Shri Rampur
- (iii) Awarded PadmaShree in 1966
- (iv) Awarded Padmabhuson in 1973
- (v) Known as Father of Modern Nicobarease
- (vi) Translated Bible in Nicobarease language and compiled grammar
- (vii) Late Edward Kuched awarded Padmashree in 1989
- (viii) Late Kuched surrendered ancestral property / land for construction of Air Port at Car Nicobar in lieu of a Coat offered by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru .