

The matter was further examined and it was felt resettlement of these families is not possible in any of the islands in the territory except in the Islands of Great Nicobar where not only revenue land is available but also Tamil population has been settled . A committee consisting of Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar as Chairman and Assistant Commissioner, Campbell Bay, Divisional Manger, ANFPDC, Assistant Settlement Commissioner, Forest Department as members has been constituted to examine the issue and submit a report and the same is awaited. A decision in this matter will be taken thereafter.

The report is likely to be submitted in a month time.

Point. – 13 Sanction of Risk / Hard area allowance to the employees of A&N Administration working in Southern Groups of Islands (i.e. Nicobar District)

Postings in Southern group of Islands are relatively more arduous and hardship prone in these remote areas, relative to south Andaman Islands in which port Blair is located. Southern Group of Islands, are separated by vast distances over the Bay of Bengal, Aerial communication is non-existent. Shipping Communication are few and far between. Foodstuffs and other basic necessities are also not only highly priced but also very difficult to procure and supply. Administration has been finding it more difficult to fill up the posts in the Southern Islands as compared to the South Andaman. There is a necessity for introducing special incentives to attract the employees for serving in these areas. However, this issue is also linked with the Agenda Item No 25 where graded structure of