

As regards, the introduction of new services between Car Nicobar and mainland, it may not be possible to introduce/operate new services at present due to crew constraints.

#### 8. Engineering and Technical Colleges should be opened

##### Comments of Assistant Secretary (Education).

~~the subject mentioned above and to state that~~ The Govt. of India has been allocating Seats for B.E. Degree and Diploma Courses in various Institutions/ Colleges in the mainland for the students of Andaman and Nicobar Islands every year. The allocation of seats during the last academic year was as under:

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| 1. | B.E.Degree Course.<br>allocated by the Govt.<br>of India, Ministry of<br>Human Resource Development. | 51 seats                                       |
| 2. | In REC.  | 23 seats out of<br>which 5 seats for<br>SC/ST. |

No community has been classified as SC in this Territory. Out of the 51 Degree Courses seats, 20% were reserved for ST candidates till 1994. Thus it would be seen from the above that 15 seats of B.E. Degree Courses on different disciplines are reserved for the ST candidates in the different colleges/Institutions on the mainland. Similarly, the Govt. of India Ministry of Human Resource Development also allocated 33 Diploma seats in the various Engineering disciplines out of which 7 seats were reserved on the mainland Institutions for the ST candidates.

There are two Polytechnics in these Islands. The intake capacity of these Polytechnics are 190 altogether in the different disciplines. 20% of these seats are also reserved for ST candidates.

But only 1 ST candidate came forward for allotment of Engineering degree seat during the last five years, as evidents from the details given below:

Year	B.E.seats.
1990-91	-
1991-92	-
1992-93	1
1993-94	-
1994-95	-

Further, the students nominated to the different Institutions/Colleges in the Mainland who are accommodated in the hostel are re-imbursed the hostel expenses. The students of other Islands where there is no facilities of studies in any course if attended Colleges/Government Polytechnic in Port Blair are also extended the benefit of scholarship for meeting the hostel expenses.