

Sl	Agenda Points	Suggestions made by Shri B.P Ray, Member of Parliament	Present Status/Action Taken
		<p>(A) MHA vide their letter dt 30th April 2013 has informed that the matter will be considered after the disposal of the two Appeals by H'ble S.C.</p>	<p>another State from the State of their origin.</p> <p>As such, the matter regarding recognition of migrant Ranchi Community as Scheduled Tribe in relation to the A&N Islands is sub-judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. However, a proposal for grant of special status to Chotanagpuri (Ranchi Community) for 4% reservation in posts/services of the A&N Administration was submitted to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide this Admn's letter No.1-554/2010-TW/43 dated 13th Jan, 2012. The Home Ministry vide letter dated 13th September, 2012 has sought some clarification regarding the term 'Special Status' and constitutional /legal provision of this proposal. A reply has been furnished to the MHA vide letter dated 13.12.2012 and the decision is awaited.</p>
d.	Recognition of Schedule Caste		<p>The Bengali settlers who are stated to be belonging to Scheduled Caste category in the mainland have been settled in these islands under the approved rehabilitation schemes of the Government. As per the policy laid down by the Govt. of India in respect of SC migrated from one State to another, they are not eligible for Scheduled Caste status here.</p> <p>In A & N Islands no census has been conducted since 1931 onwards to enumerate caste wise population. Therefore, present status of caste wise population of various communities including the details of Bengali Settlers of these islands is not available. The un-touchability is not practiced in these Islands and no Scheduled Castes has been notified in these Islands. None of the communities including Bengalis suffers any social disabilities, by deprivation from the use of public places, place of worship and other social boycott, which warrant them to be classified as Scheduled Castes. They have equal status in the society in these Islands. The policy of A & N Administration is to maintain the existing social harmony and continuing a casteless society in these Islands.</p> <p>Further the Bengali community enjoys all the benefits of OBC quota with other</p>