

figure in the electoral roll of the Local bodies of their native places in A & N Islands. Further to submit that by including any floating population in the electoral rolls would unnecessarily lead to spurious increase in the number of voters as experienced else where.

(ii) **Sri Lankan Settlers:** - During the year 1974 & 1976 about 48 families of Sri Lankan Tamil origin were rehabilitated under the Shastri - Srimao Bandaranayaka Pact 1964 at Katchal Island. These settlers expressed their concern to shift them out from tribal areas and settled them in the non-tribal area any where in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands which is also being very much voiced by local tribal people particularly after Tsunami 2004. At the same time Administration is also contemplating to shift these settlers out of tribal area. These people will be given voting rights in the local bodies at their new place of residence. Hence voting rights in tribal villages to these people is not proposed under the Draft Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Tribal Councils) Regulation, 2008. However, they do exercise their franchise for Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency.

(iii) **Illegitimate Population:** - Who are residing in the Tribal areas of the District in contravention to Protection of Aboriginal Tribes (PAT) Regulation 1956. These people are (PAT) Regulation 1956. These people are not allowed in tribal areas hence question of giving them voting rights under local bodies does not arise. Administration is taking stringent action to evacuate these people and stopping other non-tribal people to enter in the tribal areas of Nicobar District.

Note :- This similarity has been drawn keeping in view the principle followed under A&N Islands (Panchayat) Regulation 1994, wherein the people who do not reside in the revenue areas (forest encroachers) are not provided franchise under the Panchayat where as they are part of the electoral roll of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency.

Submitted at your end for information and further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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