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Port Blair dated the 29th December, 2011.

To

Smt Sonia Gandhi

The Hon'ble Chair-person,

United Progressive Alliance, GOI

New Delhi.

Subject: Bengali Settlers of A & N Islands demands for Scheduled Castes.

Respected Madam,

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands is a Union Territory having no legislative assembly and is ruled directly by the Centre, that is, the Ministry of Home Affairs, GOI through the Lieutenant Governor appointed by the President of India.

1. The history and demography of Andaman is very peculiar and is different from any other region of India. Therefore, it is very important to know the history, demography and the ground realities of these remote and isolated islands before any policy decision is finalized by the government; otherwise, the government is definitely bound to err.

And that is what happened recently in case of the Bengali Settlers, mostly belonging to namasudra, pondro kshatrya and other sudra communities, who have been declared OBCs whimsically and included in the Central list of the OBCs by your esteemed ministry on the recommendation of the local Administration. It is not only highly unjustified, irrational, and biased but also condemnable for the way it has been done ignoring the protest of the said community. It lacks critical analysis and assessment of the consequences in the distant future.

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