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provisions of the GOI extended to these islands. They are the privileged class of permanent residents. They have been declared as OBCs.

The Muslims and Christians are not eligible to be declared as Scheduled Castes according to the Indian Constitution. The Casteless Hindus too are not eligible to be the Scheduled Castes. The Islam and Christianity are foreign in origin and have no caste system; but they have various classes, sub-classes, categories and sections which are not acceptable as Scheduled Castes.

The Nicobari Tribe:

All the Nicobaries have been converted to Christianity; some of them are converted to Muslims. But none is a Hindu. They live mostly at Car Nicobar (about 18 thousand); others are scattered in islands of various southern group; some are at Harmendar Bay, Little Andaman and in Port Blair. They are advanced tribe and are well organized. Now-a-days many of them are getting married to the Penal Settlers. They have been declared as Scheduled Tribe long ago by the Administration and the GOI.

3. Step-brotherly treatment to the Bengalis of Andaman by the GOI:

Bengalis belonging to nama-sudra, pondro-kshatriya and other sudra communities (castes) living in West Bengal, Tripura, Assam and other States have already been declared Scheduled Castes and included in the Central list of the Government of India. But the Bengali Settlers belonging to the same castes living in the most remote and isolated rural areas of outlying islands of the Union Territory of A & N Islands have been declared OBCs whimsically against the interests of the community along with the urbanized privileged class of Penal Settlers ignoring strong protest from this esteemed organization since last 15 years.

All the programmes and plans announced by the GOI are implemented by the A & N Administration without delay. All the Rules and Regulations of the Government of India, New