

1,15,000 cum in 95-96 to merely 75,000 cum timber in 1997-98 and to 70,000 cu.m in 1998-99. The extraction and supply of timber to industries is presently much less than their requirement as is evident from the fact that they have resorted to importing timber from neighbouring countries for meeting their needs.

I further say that the level of timber harvested by the respondent Corporation in Little Andaman has declined considerably as can be seen from the figures in the table given below:

Year	Quantum of timber harvested from Little Andaman(cum.)
1994-95	36854
1996-97	36172
1996-97	33004
1997-98	19500
1998-99	19500

55. That with reference to statements made in para 74, the same are denied. In Little Andaman except in the tribal area, day and night visits of tourists have been