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Sub: Recommendations made in Vol.I of the Fourth Report of the National Commission for SCs & STs for the period of 1996-97 and 1997-98 - ICAR's research activities to the tribal areas.

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ACTION TAKEN ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CITED ABOVE

In Andaman and Nicobar Islands there are aboriginal tribes namely, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Onges, Shompens, Great Andamanese and Nicobarese, fo whom only Nicobarese are of significant population and associated with main stream. The remaining tribes are inaccessible to common public. Apart from the aboriginal tribes there are settled tribes who had come from Bihar and known as Ranchis.

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN TRIBAL AREAS. RESEARCH ON CROPS GROWN BY TRIBALS

## **NICOBARESE**

Nicobarese are known Horticulturists. Their main crop is coconut. The Central Agricultural Research Institute has evaluated the coconut varieties for improvement of productivity and also associated with Agriculture Department in establishing multitier croping system in which coconut remains the main crop and spices and fruit crops like Guava, Banana etc., are introduced as intercrops. This multitier cropping system is to enhance the overall productivity in the present coconut groves.

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