

Among the vegetable crops, since Nicobarese prefer tuber crops like Colocassia, Elephant Foot Yam etc., after evaluation, the tribals have been guided regarding the performance of various tuber crops.

### **RANCHIS**

Ranchi tribes cultivate mainly rice in these islands. High yielding varieties of rice were identified by CARI and have been introduced to replace the existing mono crop of rice.

Sufficient attention has been paid to introduce pulses, oilseeds and vegetables during rabi season inorder to reap the maximum harvest from an unit area.

### **OPENING OF RESEARCH CENTRES IN TRIBAL AREAS**

Due to paucity of staff as well as non-availability of cultivable area in tribal in this island, this could not be done. Anyhow, the **Krishi Vigyan Kendra** which is located at Sipighat a centre place of the islands, takes care of tribal needs of these islands.

### **DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGES FOR THE TRIBES PRACTICING SHIFTING CULTIVATION**

Since, the cultivable land is limited in these islands and tribals are not also practicing shifting cultivation, no comprehensive packages were needed for the above purpose.