

Forest and Tribals

Name of State / UT :- A&N Islands

REPLY

1. Please indicate whether State Government/UT Administration have experienced any constraint/difficulties in implementing the National Forest Policy in relation to the Scheduled Tribes in the State /UT. If so, please give details and the measures taken / suggested to overcome the difficulties.
2. Please indicated the name of MFP available in the State / UT and the policy of the State Government/ UT Admn regarding rights of collection of MFP by SC / ST for their domestic consumption and sale.
3. Please state the institutional arrangements made to regulate the purchase and marketing of produce collected from forest in general and the produce collected by SC / ST from forest or from forest land under occupation of SCs / STs.

No constraint/ difficulties have been experienced in implementing the National Forest Policy in relation to the scheduled tribes in this UT.

As per section 13 of A&N Islands Protected Forest Rules 1986, the Scheduled Tribes have been given right for collection of forest produce from the protected forest for their bonafide domestic use without any restriction.

The A&N Forest Department undertakes entire harvesting, sale of timber and other forest produce from the forest. Contractors are not involved in the above operation. So far no tribals have been found to be involved in purchase and marketing of forest produce collected by them from the forest.