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FOREST AND TRIBALS

Annexure-VI

Name of State/UT \_\_\_\_\_

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 Administration 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.

Constraints/difficulties in implementing the National Forest Policy in relation to Schedule Tribe in this UT have not been experienced so far.

As per Section 13 of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Protected Forests Rules ~~19~~ 1986 the schedule Tribes have been given right for collection of Forest produce from the protected Forests for their bonafide domestic use without any restriction.

Andaman Forest department with the help of regular permanent labour force undertakes entire harvesting ~~of~~ sale of timber and other forest produce themselves from the forests. Contractors are not involved in the above operations. No contractors are involved in the above operations. So far no tribals have been found to be involved in purchase and marketing of forest produce collected by them from the forests of these Islands. Therefore question of making institutional arrangements for regulaty. The same does not arise.