

27. Have you observed any improvement in the living standard of the tribals after the implementation of anti-poverty alleviation programme? If so, please furnish a brief note with some examples.

Various construction works under Gram Samridhi Yojana are generating employment for the local tribals. They are being employed in the construction activities on payment of wages. This assured employment in tribal villages has increased their purchasing capacity and perceptible improvement in the living standard. Due to education over the decades many of the tribals particularly Nicobarese are in the Govt. services like Teachers, Nurses, Doctors, civil servants, Police man and Soldiers etc. Besides, the facilities created under this Scheme helps them to adopt hygienic way of living. There are other programmes like supply of house building materials, like cement and aluminum sheets, sewing machines etc. on 50 % subsidy under Special Central Assistance. A considerable number of tribal families have constructed permanent houses by availing benefits under this Scheme.

28. Any other point which you wish to highlight.