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the scheduled tribes away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages and for this purpose, official and non official voluntary orgs. may be encouraged to take up work in the tribal areas.

The Govt has asked to rationalise the action taken in the matter.

In this connection it is stated that as far as this UT is concerned no commercial vending of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the tribal areas. The Nicobarese the most advanced tribe brew ~~their~~ their traditional beverage known as toddy which is tapped from the coconut tree. The excise policy laid down by the Govt is fully implemented in this UT.

Further, it is submitted that

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