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PUC is a letter received from the Joint Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding Excise Policy in Tribal Areas. The Joint Secretary has stated that vide his letter dated 27.12.2000 to the states for inclusion of protective measures for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes in the State Excise Policy that are followed in the tribal areas which may kindly be seen at page 48-49/c. Further is has stated in the PUC the three points which are to be adopted in the Policy frame work are as under:-

- a) Commercial vending of alcoholic beverage should be discontinued in tribal areas;
- b) Scheduled Tribes may be permitted to brew their traditional beverages for consumption at home and on religions and social occasions;
- c) Attempts may be made to wean the Scheduled Tribes away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages and for this purpose, official and non-official voluntary organizations may be encouraged to take up work in the tribal areas.

The Govt. of India ^{have} asked us to send the rule/policy position concerning protective measures for the tribal people being followed in this UT, alongwith the number of alcoholic shops presently vending liquor in each ITDP.

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

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