

- (a) In the tribal areas where prohibition is in force, no precipitate action need be taken.
- (b) In the tribal areas where prohibition is not in force, there should be better educational effort so that there is a general atmosphere of temperance among the people. An educational programme in tribal areas is bound to succeed as these communities are highly organised. Once they are convinced, implementation is easy. In a number of cases, the tribal communities have opted for prohibition under declared policy of State Government to close liquor shops where more than 60% opt for the same. If, therefore, these spontaneous social forces are supported by a healthy educational programme even consumption of local beverages will go down.
- (c) The contract system of liquor vending in tribal areas should be given up. In areas of tribal concentration, where the custom of brewing local beverages still prevails, there should be no liquor shops at all. In areas where there is no vestige of this custom, due to mixing of the tribal population and general advancement as in West Bengal, liquor can be sold through Government shops. The price to be charged and the alcoholic content of the liquor to be sold through Government shops will have to be carefully fixed taking into account, inter alia, the need for weaning the tribals away from the drink habit and obviating at the same time any impression that advantage is being taken of the habit to increase revenues.
- (d) Where prohibition is not in force, the tribal people should be allowed to prepare their beverages for individual and social purposes, but not for commercial purposes. The local panchayats should be given the responsibility of preventing commercial preparation of local beverages.
- (e) The sale of liquor in "hats" should be barred.
- (f) Government should pursue vigorously the policy of prohibition through educational propaganda among the tribal people against the evil effects of drinking, and by starting ameliorative activities to wean the tribal people away from this evil.
- (g) Government should encourage and help right-minded social workers who may assist Government in any way in implementing the policy of temperance.