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STUDY GROUP I OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON THE
WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

Points for discussion on the socio-economic
conditions of Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar
Islands

GENERAL

Q.No.1. What is the total population of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and what is the number of Scheduled Tribes among them according to 1991 Census?

Ans. Total Population : 2,80,661
Tribal population : 26,770

Q.No.2.(a) What is the percentage of literacy of Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

Ans. 56.62%

Q.No.2.(b) What are the literacy figures in respect of girls belonging to Scheduled Tribes?

Ans. 48.74%

Q.No.3. What are the special problems of Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory and what steps are being taken to solve them?

Ans. There are six scheduled tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Five of them are primitive. The primitive tribes are:

<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name of the tribe</u>	<u>Population</u>
(i)	Great Andamanese	37
(ii)	Onge	99
(iii)	Jarawa	200(estimated)
(iv)	Sentenelese	100(estimated)
(v)	Shompen	161

The Great Andamanese have been rehabilitated in Strait Island. The Onges have two settlements in Little Andaman - one at Dugong Creek and the other at South Bay. The Jarawas and the Sentenelese are still outside the pale of civilization. The Shompens live in scattered habitats in Great Nicobar Island.