

The main problem with regard to the primitive tribes is their survival. Medical facilities and health care have been provided to the Great Andamanese, the Onges and the Shompens. The western coast of South Andaman Island as well as of Middle Andaman Island has been declared as tribal reserve exclusively meant for the Jarawas. The non-tribals are prohibited from entering into the tribal area. The Sentenelese are concentrated in North Sentinel Island.

Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti, which is headed by the Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, looks after the welfare of the primitive tribes.

The sixth scheduled tribe in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is the Nicobarese. As per 1991 Census, their population is 26,173. They are scattered all over the Nicobar Group of islands. They have also a settlement in Little Andaman. The main problem in the Nicobar Group of islands is communication.

Under the Tribal Sub-Plan strategy, District of Nicobars has been constituted into an ITDP area and a number of schemes as per the guidelines of the Govt. of India are being implemented therein for the socio-economic development of the tribals. The outlay for the Tribal Sub-Plan (1992-97) is Rs. 117.69 crore. In addition, there is Special Central Assistance to be provided by the Govt. of India.

Q.No.4.

What are the Centrally Sponsored projects being executed in your Union Territory? Please specify the amount of funds that have been earmarked for the economic upliftment of Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territory during the current year?

Ans.

The following are the Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands:-

A) Agriculture

- 1) Integrated Programme for the development of spices,
- 2) National Pulses Development Project,
- 3) Central Sector Scheme for production of fruits and vegetables,