

negligible in the past, but which were of considerable value in the economic and social life of the tribal population. In recent years politics of environment is also being used as an alibi for dilution of rights of the tribal communities in respect of the resources under their traditional command. Social stratification encouraged by various agencies and trends of class differentiation through operation of endogenous and exogenous factors also seem to be contributing factors to the dispossession of the bulk of the tribals in varying degrees in different parts of the country. It is expected that along with other aspects the reviewers will also examine these aspects during the preparation of the review papers.

(b) The members of the Working Group on Issues in Tribal Movements took note of the fact that while studies of tribal movements had generally focussed on political and religious aspects at the descriptive level, the underlying issues centering agrarian structure and production relations, changes in land use, quality of environment, threats to autogenous cultural process and social process had not received adequate attention at the analytical level. The reviewers are expected to take note of these aspects. As regards movements of political nature, it was suggested that the reviewers should refrain from using classified materials and in those cases where information was obtained from the activists, they should be specifically told about the extent to which the information could be used. The emphasis should not be on descriptive information as such but on the social process associated with the movements.

(c) The perspective enunciated by the Working Group on Issues in Tribal Movements was reiterated by the Working Group on Systems of Self-management of Tribals. The reviewers should not limit their task to the examination of the self-management structures and their functions but should see these structures in wider historical-ecological canvas. The self-management structures should be examined in terms of articulation with State