

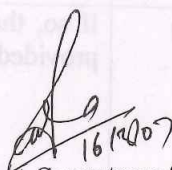
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Material for Supplementaries:

There are six Scheduled Tribes namely; Great Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Shompens and Nicobarese in A & N Islands. Leaving aside Nicobarese, the remaining five tribes are classified as Primitive Tribes. The areas inhabited by STs have been declared as reserve area under the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956. The Regulation provides for protection and well - being of STs of the Islands.

The Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens are hunting and gathering nomadic tribes. The Great Andamanese and Onges have been settled at Strait Island and Dugong Creek, Little Andaman respectively where they have been provided with necessary amenities like houses, drinking water, electricity, schools, medical sub-center etc. They are being supplied with monthly free rations at the prescribed scales to meet their nutritional requirement. Besides, the plantation of coconut and other fruit bearing trees have been raised at their respective settlements so as to enable them to become self-supporting. The Shompens are also provided rice and other ration articles to supplement their food requirement under BPL scheme.

The Nicobarese is an advanced tribe and constitute largest tribal group. They are living in Nicobar district, besides a small population at Harminder Bay in Little Andaman Island. They are horticulturists and rear pigs.


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