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From- Secretary (TW) ,A & N administration, Port Blair
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Kindly refer to your letter No.16012/15/02-S & M dated 22nd July 2002 regarding Lok Sabha unstarred question Dy No.1543 for 26th July 2002 by Shri J.S. Brar about development scheme for Tribals (.) The information in respect of this UT is furnished as under (.) Part(a) The total population of tribals as per 1991 census is 26770.(.)The population of tribals as per 2001 census is yet to be published by the Directorate of Census Operations, Port Blair (.) Part (b) There are six Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and they are declared as such under the Constitution of India(.) A Regulation viz., Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 is in force which provide for the protection of the interests of socially & economically backward aboriginal tribes in the A&N Islands and prevention of exploitation of tribals in any form(.) No non-tribal can acquire interest in land etc, carry on trade / business in the Tribal area (.)Entry of non-tribals in the reserved area is prohibited under the provision of above Regulation. Whoever contravenes the provisions of the Regulation is punishable (.) They have been provided 12% reservation in Group 'C' & 'D' posts in the Government Services and 20% reservation in allotment of seats for professional courses in the mainland (.) Part(c) A&N administration has taken every possible step to improve literacy rate in the tribal area (.) The tribal area specially Nicobars district has been provided with five Senior Secondary schools, nine Secondary Schools, Nine Middle Schools, 32 Primary Schools (.) To cover all ST children, the primary education has been made compulsory (.) Primary School has been setup within radius of 1Km of the habitation with 150 or more population (.) Even in the remotest and isolated areas where facilities for primary Schooling could not be provided, non-formal education centres have been opened (.) The tribal students are provided with various incentives such as free education upto XII standard, free uniform, free text book and stationary, hostel stipend to hostellers, attendance scholarships @Rs 10 for boys and Rs15 for girls of classes I to VIII, free travel concession to students

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