

1. Lok Sabha Question No. : No. 1543
2. Starred / Unstarred : Unstarred
3. Raised by : Shri J.S. Brar
4. Due date for answering : 26/07/02

Sl.	Questions	Answers
(c)	The efforts made to impact education and make them accessible to modern facilities?	A & N Administration has taken every possible step to improve the literacy rate in Tribal area. The Tribal area especially Nicobar District has been provided with 5(Five) senior secondary schools, 9 (Nine) secondary schools, 9(Nine) Middle schools, 32 (Thirty two) Primary schools. To cover all ST children, the Primary Education is made compulsory. To provide education to the ST students, Primary School facilities are available within 1 km radius of the habitation with 150 or more population. Even in the remotest and isolated areas where facilities for Primary schooling could not be provided so far have opened Non Formal Education centers. Tribal students are provided with various incentives for attending school education such as free education up to XIIth standard, free Uniform, free textbook & stationary, hostel stipend to hostlers, attendance scholarship @ Rs. 10/- for boy and Rs. 15/- per girl of classes I to VIII, free travel concession to students attending school beyond 4 kms of residence, Mid day meal to the students from class VI to VIII. • Reservation of seats for Higher / Professional courses on the mainland. • Post Matric scholarship to the tribal students in mainland. Additional scholarship @ Rs. 300/- per month per students. • Post Matric scholarship for classes XI and XII @ Rs. 90/- per month. • Special coaching for weak students. • Scholarship / Financial assistance to pursue further studies on mainland. In addition to the above, Prime Ministers Nutritional support to Primary Education(Cooked Mid Day meal Scheme) has also been implemented in Tribal area to give a boost to universalisation of Primary Education and Nutritional needs of the children in Primary classes.