

Question (e)

: The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent the occurrence of such deaths of tribals ?

Answer

: The Jarawas are still living at the primitive stage of life being fully dependant on the sea and forest for their food resources. The studies so far revealed that there is no scarcity of food among the Jarawas in their reserve forest. They have been undertaken medical care from time to time in the PHCs/hospital as well as in their habitats.

The Shompen tribals are provided free rice under the BPL scheme. Besides they take their food items from their tradition game of hunting, fishing and gathering in sea and forest. The Shompen have been encouraged from time to time to continue their tradition games of food collection through fishing, hunting and gathering. They have been undertaken medical care in the PHCs/hospital as well as in their habitats.

The Onges and Great Andamanese are given monthly free ration items on a prescribed scale family wise along with the baby supplementary food. Besides they are encouraged to continue their tradition games of food collection through fishing, hunting and gathering. On reasonable visit of the tribals to Port Blair, they are provided food by the AAJVS till they depart for their settlement. They have been undertaken medical care in the medical subcentres/ hospitals.

As far as the Sentinelese are concerned, because of their living isolated from the rest of the world not much knowledge has been gained about their food resources. Therefore for the said reason no welfare scheme could be taken up towards them.

Yours Faithfully

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