

(20) 114 May please peruse the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question DY No. 1543 for answer on 26/7/2002 by Shri. J.S. Barar regarding development schemes for tribals received from Govt. of India vide their letter dated 22/7/02 at page 12/C. As the information was not available in the Tribal Welfare Department, we have endorsed the question to Deputy Commissioner (Nicobars) and Director of Education to furnish information. Assist Director Education (Planning) vide his letter dated 24/7/2002 at page 13 to 15/C has furnished the information, but the information from Deputy Commissioner (Nicobars) is yet to be received inspite of reminder vide fax dated 24/7/2002. Any how the reply to different parts of the question is discussed as under :-

(a) The total population of tribals in A&N.

(21) 115 As per the special tables on STs Part 'VIII' (II) of 1991 Census published by the Director of Census Operations, the population of the Scheduled Tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is as under:-

(i) Great Andamanese -	32
(ii) Jarawas -	89
(iii) Onges -	101
(iv) Sentinelese -	24
(v) Shompen -	131
(vi) Nicobarese -	25,939
Total -	26,770/-

(22) 116 The above figures have been obtained from the Directorate of Census Operations over telephone today. The Tribal population as per the 2001 Census is yet to be finalized and published *is as* ascertained. Therefore we may furnish tribal population i.e. 26,770 as per the 91 Census.

b. The Steps taken to maintain identity of Tribals Aborigines of A&N.Islands.

(23) 117 There are six Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and they are declared as Scheduled Tribes 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.

(24) 118 **c. The efforts made to impart education and make them accessible to modern facilities.**