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Shompens

1. It is felt that modern culture should not be forced on the Shompens but await a gradual integration on their own terms. As at present they should be provided with all kind of protection in order to stop outside interference or exploitation. Therefore, the primary objective of the Administration should be to provide them proper watch and ward so that they may maintain their own traditional subsistence economy in their territory without any disturbance from outside. As a corollary to this, it is also important to minimise the visit of unwanted camouflaged tourists and wanderers.
2. In addition to provide protection, the Administration may maintain periodical contacts through AAJVS functionaries accompanied by medical staff at a preordained place for distribution of essential food items, utensils, equipments, medicines etc. In order to make them familiar with the exchange system, the Shompens may be provided additional food articles on barter against the forest produce brought by them.
3. It is recommended that investment towards creation of additional infrastructural facilities for the Shompens at Campbell Bay may be reduced since this hardly provides any benefit to the Shompen community. The fund may be rather utilised for providing other necessary input support to the Shompens.