

## 9.2.4

Nicobarese

1. Although Nicobarese are an advanced community along par with the mainstream society, their literacy rate is remarkably low. As such it is felt that the concerned directorates/departments of the Administration should focus its attention towards strengthening educational facilities in the tribal areas. It is felt that with the spread of education the existing illiteracy factor deeply embedded in their traditional system will gradually disappear and more and more youths will be attracted towards income generating activities as an individual profit making centre.
2. The concerned directorates/departments of Administration should organise more and more motivational campaign programmes covering the inter-tribal areas so as to motivate the tribal youth to participate in various Government sponsored self-employment schemes. This being a continuous process, involvement of some NGO's may be helpful for successful implementation of such programmes.
3. In order to upgrade the traditional handicraft skills of the Nicobarese, suitable training programmes may be organised by the concerned directorates/departments in various tribal areas on cluster basis. Such training may be organised involving NGO's and the respective directorate/department of the GOI. However, necessary