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7.3.3 Suggested Economic Activities

Based on the level of skill and the availability of natural resources in the settlement areas, some suggested economic activities are suggested below.

- i. Coir rope manufacturing;
- ii. Broom making;
- iii. Oil Ghani;
- iv. Poultry;
- v. Fish drying.

It is, however, felt that the Onges should be trained in groups and motivated before initiating them in such activities. The different directorates/departments of the Administration may provide the input support from the fund available under TSP/SCA. In addition, this NGO's may be involved in the implementation process so that they can constantly monitor and follow up in order to avoid frequent hiccups in the implementation process. Model project profiles of suggested economic activities have been provided in Annexures - VII.1 to VII.6.

7.4 Great Nicobar (Shompen)

As discussed earlier, the Shompens are semi-nomadic forest dwellers. They have an economy based on hunting and gathering. Moreover, they live in very inaccessible and different terrain which is in itself tough to approach.