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the camps could not be visited no assessment could be made about their skills and subsequent worthwhile activity that could be taken up by them. However, it is felt that Shompens are yet to reach a level where introduction of any gainful economic activity is feasible.

Har minder Bay (Hutbay)/Nicobar group of islands including Car Nicobar, Kamorta, Katchal and Great Nicobar - Nicobarese)

5.1

Traditional Skills

The Nicobarese people scattered in various islands of the Nicobar group are engaged in very few economic activities. Some of the activities like mat making from Pandanus leaves, handicraft items, cot making with wood and bamboo etc. are the ones which are engaging their traditional skills. Moreover, recently they have been introduced to a host of new activities like manufacturing of coir yarn and its products. However, there is a kind of reluctance observed on the part of the Nicobarese from taking up these activities.

7.5.2

Natural Resources

The natural resources of the Nicobar group of islands is mainly coconut, arecanuts and fish. Presently, either the coconuts are consumed by the Nicobarese, fed to pigs, sold, made into copra and sold etc. The husk