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**Sub.: Initiatives of ANI Administration towards mainstreaming of Jarawas and Policies for different tribes of A&N Islands**

In pursuance to the fax received from the ....., dated 20.04.2015, I am directed to submit the updated report on the above mentioned subject for consolidation and onward submission to the Centre.

**A) Background**

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have originally been the abode of aboriginal tribes. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, promulgated by the President of India provides for protection of the interests of aboriginal tribes and declaration of the geographical area as reserved areas, which are predominantly inhabited by these tribes. In these islands, there are six Scheduled Tribes i.e., the Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Nicobarese and Shompens notified by the President of India under Article 342 (1) of the Indian Constitution (Andaman & Nicobar Islands Scheduled Tribes Order 1959). It may be appreciated that 4659 Sq Km has been declared as tribal reserve (56% of UT's total geographical area). For 05 PVTGs, an area of 2818 Sq km has been declared as tribal reserve. Apart from above, central act namely "SCs & STs (POA) Act, 1989 is also strictly enforced by the A&N Administration.

**B) Population (region wise)**

Sl. No.	Name of tribe	Location	Population	Tribal Reserve (in Sq Km)
1.	Andamanese	Strait Island	61 (as on date)	6
2.	Onges	Little Andaman	116 (as on date)	732
3.	Jarawas	South and Middle Andaman	441 (as on date)	1028
4.	Sentinelese	North Sentinel	50 (estimated)	60
5.	Shompens	Great Nicobar	219 (estimated)	992
6.	Nicobarese	Nicobar District	27676 (as per 2011 census)	1841
	<b>Total</b>	<b>UT of A&amp;N Islands</b>	<b>28556*</b>	<b>4659**</b>

- \* 7.5% of UT's population constitutes tribals
- \*\* 56% of UT's geographical area reserved for tribals

① And  
exclusively  
② Except  
Nicobarese  
the rest of  
the 5 tribes  
are particularly  
vulnerable  
Tribal Group  
(PVTGs)