functionaries of the PRIs. The fund of the developmental activities is being released to the Tribal Councils in the shape of grant-in-aid through Chairman ITDP, Car Nicobar.

With regard to the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs) the welfare and protection of PTGs is looked after by an autonomous body known as Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS), which is headed by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands.

As far as, traditional forest dwellers are concerned, there are no forest encroachers who qualify for the purpose of the scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers.

Yours faithfully,

Research Officer (TW)

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