

of their requirements through involvement of various line departments. Potable water supplies, electrification of their settlements, free medical care, free schooling and other amenities like police wireless for communication, Community Hall, footpath, jetty for berthing of the boats etc. are being provided.

iv) **Shompens**: The Shompens live in different bands in thick tropical forests and in coasts of the Great Nicobar Island, and number approximately 238. The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has notified the Policy for Shompens of Great Nicobar Island on 22.05.2015 and said policy was prepared in consultation with the subject experts and the Expert Committee of Ministry of the Tribal Affairs, Government of India. An area of 853.19 Sqkm of Great Nicobar Island has been declared as Tribal Reserve under The Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956.

v) **Sentinelese**: This hunter-gatherer tribe numbering approximately 50, lives in North Sentinelese Island having geographic area of 59.67 Sq Km.