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12. Percentage of drop out among Tribals.

Years	Primary	Middle (VI-VIII)	Secondary (IX-X)	Senior Secondary (XI-XII)
96-97	28.36	25.59	38.85	20.61
97-98	24.17	27.24	44.95	22.94
98-99	17-06	27.30	33.89	15.38
99-00	20.31	13.37	36.25	12.90
00-01	15.35	21.01	21.12	14.56
01-02	13.18	17.40	36.53	26.47

Incentives have been provided by the Education Department for arresting the drop out rate among tribals.

- 1) Providing free textbooks, note books. Stationary, school bags etc.
- 2) Providing free uniforms.
- 3) Hostel stipend to hostlers at the rate of Rs. 115/- per month.
- 4) Cooked meal for lunch and free snacks in the morning under NPNSPE programme.
- 5) Attendance scholarship @ Rs. 10/- for boys and 15/- for girls.
- 6) Ashram schools where boarding and lodging have been provided.
- 7) Free travel concession.
- 8) New scheme viz. "Enhancement of meritorious student from rural and tribal area".

All these incentives will be continuing.

13. NA

14. Not yet. Noted for guidance.

15. No. free textbooks are provided to all tribal students.

16. Nicobar primers have been developed and introduced up to class III. The primers for higher classes are being developed by the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. The department also proposes to bring out a dictionary on Nicobari language and do codification of Nicobari language.

17. Measures as mentioned at sl.no. 16.

18. Trained tribal teachers have been appointed in schools belonging to tribal area. Text books in Nicobari language have been developed for class I to III.

Female Education

Stages	ST Students			
	Boys	Girls	Total	% of Girls
Pre -Primary	71	44	115	38.26
Primary	1649	1527	3176	48.08
Middle	894	831	1725	48.17
Secondary	400	391	791	49.43
Sr. Secondary	83	140	223	62.78
Total	3097	2933	6030	48.64

19. Incentives have been provided to all tribal students. However, additional incentives like Rs. 15/- per month as attendance scholarship studentship has be provided to tribal girls under Adult Education Scheme importance has been given for improving the