

FOREST

ANSWER

1. Please indicate in your state the position as in 1980 and as at present the Areas under (a) reserved forests (b) protected forests (c) village forests. What total area in each of these categories falls within Tribal sub-Plan area?

Forest type	In year-1980	In year-1980	Tribal Area Under Sub-plan (Tribal Reserve area)
Reserved forest	2912sq.km	2928.76(sq.km.)	} 3150.62
Protected forest	4232sq.km	4241.93(sq.km)	
Total Forest	7144 sqkm	7170.69 sq.km	3150.62

There is no village forest in A&N Islands.

2. Please state area-wise position for each ITDP/ITDA in your state.

Not applicable to this department.

3. Do you think that the situation of tribals vis a-vis forests has worsened over fifty years period commencing independence? In other words, have the tribals been displaced from forest areas which they once occupied. Please give your accounts of the scenario supported by facts and figures to the extent possible.

Tribal reserves were constituted within the Reserved Forest in 1956 for the Great Andamanes, Jarawas, Sentinelese & Onges. The entire Nicobar district was declared the Tribal Reserve for the Nicobarese and Shompanes.. Area of tribal reserve has been reduced by various notifications viz- Amendment Notification No.62/72/F.No.81-9/71-J(I) dated 20th April 1972 reduced the area Little Andaman i.e, between 92° 28'E and 92° 38'E; the area of Great Nicobar Island was reduced between 93° 50'E and 93° 57'E and 6° 53'N - 7° 2'N and 10° 34'N - 10° 44'N. Notification No.87/F.No.81-14/72-J excluded Rutland from list of tribal reserves.

However there has been no displacement of tribal because of this reduction in the area of tribal reserves.

4. What methods have been and are being employed in the State for calculating area indicated in the foregoing question? Are land survey methods being used ? Is the method of satellite imagery being used ? Or any other method or methods being used? Please explain.

Only land survey and aerial survey have been used so far.