

10. Similarly, in regard to the modern administration of which he has no idea, how has the State Government equipped him to deal with the field functionaries like the forest guard, the village revenue official, the excise peon, the police constable et. al. and the more distant functionaries like the block extension officers, BDO, the S.I. Police, Inspector Police, the sub-divisional and district officials?	The Nicobarese tribes are by and large educated and they can communicate in Hindi. So there is no problem for them to deal with the various functionaries posted in the tribal areas. With regard to the Primitive Tribes it is stated that the functionaries of the departments are not in direct contact with the Primitive Tribes as they are being looked after by the Tribal Welfare Officer/ Social Workers of an autonomous body - Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS), which is fully financed from the grant-in-aid provided by the Administration.
11. The more basic question is, have the state authorities explained to the tribal and made him fully aware of his rights and responsibilities as an Indian citizen as well as of the special status he enjoys as per the provisions of the Constitution and the various protective laws? Please describe fully.	As per the recommendation of the National Commission for SC & ST, the hoardings have been displayed at prominent places to make the tribals aware of their protective rights under SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) ACT 1989 and rules 1995.
12. The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments and PESA Act 1996 enable special tribal institutions (in the domain of Panchayats and Nagar Palikas) and provisions for self-governance, economic development and social justice. In what way has this matter been publicized among the tribal groups in your state?	The A & N Administration has framed draft Tribal Council Regulation for the Nicobarese to have the statutory Panchayat Raj Institution in the Tribal Areas. It has been framed broadly on the pattern of the A&N Island (Panchayat) Regulation 1994. The draft Regulation has been sent the Tribal People and their leaders for their opinion. They have been reminded to furnish their views on the draft regulation. On receipt of their opinion, the draft Regulation will be modified if considered necessary and will be promulgated with due approval of Govt. of India.
13. In the education sector, the burning questions are that of medium of instruction and pedagogy. In adult education, the emphasis may be not only on teaching the 3Rs but also arming the tribal to deal with the different officials, organs and agencies of government. What modes have the State Government adopted in this regard?	The Nicobarese Primers have been developed and introduced upto class III. Further the Nicobarese primers for higher classes are being developed by CIIL, Mysore. There is also a proposal to bring out a dictionary in Nicobarese language.