

14. In the health sector, evidently that therapy which proves efficacious quickly is avidly taken to. But over-emphasis on allopathy by the state health authorities seems to have pushed the tribal indigenous health and medicine systems to the back-burner. What position has the State Government taken in communication of the different health systems to the tribal groups?	
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Roads 15. Road communication provides access to educational and health institutions, sources of employment, direct contact with the government agencies and facilitate inward movement of requisite commodities and outward movement of local produce. The Dhebar Commission noted that roads in tribal areas may not always be a blessing, since on the flip side, they may facilitate the entry of exploitative and other harmful elements before the tribals become sufficiently conscious to look after their own interests. It is, therefore, necessary that when considering road communications, particularly in the interior tribal areas, a balance is struck between the development effect and harmful repercussions. A prominent example of the lack of imbalance is the Andaman Trunk Road which was constructed in the eighties in the Jarawa territory in the Andaman Islands. It is no doubt true that roads have been undertaken for defence, industrial, administrative and other purposes in the tribal areas in the last five decades and many tribal areas have been opened up. But it also appears that adequate attention has not been paid to the consequences. It is, therefore, necessary for the State Government to apply their mind in the matter. 16. Do the State Government agree with the priorities of the Dhebar Commission as mentioned in para 21.6 of their 1961 report? If not, please elucidate your priorities and state the manner in which the road programme is being and will be undertaken.	The majority of the Tribal Population is the Nicobarese is inhabiting in the Nicobar District. Under Tribal Sub Plan the rural roads are being constructed to link the tribal villages with the sub-divisional/Tehsil head quarters on different Islands. The Islands are separated from one another by the stretch of the Sea. As such there is no scope to connect the tribal area with the non tribal Area. Besides there is restriction on entry of non tribals in to the Tribal Reserved Area.
	The priorities for construction of roads in the tribal areas are fixed on the basis of the requirement of projected in the District Planning Committee of which the tribal leaders are members.