

33. Till such time all tribals have the requisite purchasing power to access this facility, the Government may consider installation of a chain of PCDs in the tribal areas to improve connectivity. Since the matter also affects the interests of tribals in your state, please indicate the steps taken/proposed to be taken by you to approach the Government of India in having this facility provided at the earliest.	At present 1 INMARSAT telephone is working at Kakana and has been proposed to provided 1 INMARSAT telephone in each of the tribal village like Dering, Pillowmillow, Pilowbhabi and Pilowpanja. Cellular Mobile telephone facilities will be launched shortly at Car Nicobar.
Radio	
34. Radio has been a popular and effective means of communication for Education in tribal areas. In fact, it has brought the tribal and non-tribal areas together. Are there any tribal pockets in your state which remain uncovered? If so, what steps have been or are being taken to cover them?	No.
35. Have the State Government made effective use of radio to convey apt messages to the STs? Please furnish facts and figures.	The information received from A & N Administration for broadcast in the interest of Nicobari people time to time are broadcast through our Regional News Bulletin as well as our daily programme for Nicobarese.
TV	
36. TV has more or less revolutionized life and wiped out distances. The economic level in tribal areas may not be helpful in permitting tribal households to buy TV sets. But, such sets could be installed on community basis even in villages. Have any steps been taken in this direction?	Under Sector Information and Publicity 10 TV sets are provided to different tribal villages in District Nicobar during the year 2003 and further there is a specific provision for installation of TV set in the tribal villages during the current year 2003-2004.
37. Through the media, which include the print, celluloid and electronic forms, an overt and covert cultural invasion has been taking place, of which you will be fully aware. Do the State Government feel that it is necessary or even possible to control it? If yes, are there any means of controlling it? A corollary would be whether the authorities are in a position to design and convey appropriate alternative messages to the tribal people.	Doordarshan Port Blair while recording the programmes concerning with Tribal is very careful in not including items which might affects the traditional values of tribes at large.
38. Have the regional programmes been of help in being specific to be beamed to the concerned tribal groups in tribal areas?	At present Doordarshan, Port Blair has a coverage zone of 15 Kms. radius only. The regional programme recorded at Port Blair is not beamed to other tribal areas due to limitations.