

PRIMITIVE TRIBAL GROUPS

On the basis of the three criteria of (i) pre-agricultural stage (ii) smallness of numbers, static or declining population and (iii) low literacy, the Government of India have identified 75 tribal groups as "primitive tribal groups". To the aforesaid three criteria mentioned in the report of the Working Group for Empowering the Scheduled Tribes during the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, may be added economic backwardness and isolation as suggested in the report of the Working Group for Scheduled Tribes during the Ninth Plan period. The former Working Group estimated their total population as 20 lakhs, since even the 1990-91 Census figures did not become available to them. It has been suggested in the report of the latter Working Group that since the phrase 'primitive' has pejorative overtones, a more appropriate designation could be 'primary tribal groups'.	This Administration has no objection to the proposed designation of Primary Tribal Groups instead of Primitive Tribal Groups.																								
2. How many and which tribal groups have been identified in your state as primitive (primary) tribal groups (PTGs)? Please give a statement showing their strength and ITDP-wise distribution in the state.	There are five Primitive Tribes identified in this UT. Their details are given below: <table><tr><th><u>Sl.No.</u></th><th><u>Name of tribe</u></th><th><u>Area of habitation</u></th><th><u>Population</u></th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Great Andamanese</td><td>Strait Island</td><td>46</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Onges</td><td>Dugong Creek & South Bay in Little Andaman</td><td>96</td></tr><tr><td>3.</td><td>Jarawas</td><td>West coasts of South Middle Andaman</td><td>300 (estimated)</td></tr><tr><td>4.</td><td>Sentinelese</td><td>North Sentinel Island</td><td>100 (estimated)</td></tr><tr><td>5.</td><td>Shompens</td><td>Great Nicobar Island</td><td>350 (estimated)</td></tr></table>	<u>Sl.No.</u>	<u>Name of tribe</u>	<u>Area of habitation</u>	<u>Population</u>	1.	Great Andamanese	Strait Island	46	2.	Onges	Dugong Creek & South Bay in Little Andaman	96	3.	Jarawas	West coasts of South Middle Andaman	300 (estimated)	4.	Sentinelese	North Sentinel Island	100 (estimated)	5.	Shompens	Great Nicobar Island	350 (estimated)
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