

19. In some quarters it is said that a lion's share of the reservation quota available for STs is filled up by members of advanced ST communities, leaving the more backward ST communities high and dry. Does the State Government agree with the view that there should be sub-reservations for the more backward ST communities?	There are six Scheduled Tribes of which the Nicobarese is the largest tribal group and they are socially and economically more advanced than the rests five PTGs. The PTGs are small in numbers. At present the Nicobarese being educated are getting appointment against the reserved quota almost cent percent, as the Primitive tribes are not qualified for the various post reserved for the STs under the Administration. This Administration is of the view that overall reservation of 12% may continue until the PTGs are educated and come forward to claim for the reserved post in the government departments, otherwise the posts reserved for the PTGs by way of sub-reservation will remain un-utilised. So no separate reservation is suggested for the PTGs.
20. Some PTGs live in Scheduled Areas and some may be living in tracts outside Scheduled Areas. In either case, the Gram Sabhas and Panchayats need to be actively involved in the improvement of the condition of PTGs. Please enumerate the action taken by the State Government in this matter.	Not applicable, as none of the PTGs are living outside the tribal area.
21. Over the years, some NGOs have been involved in executing PTG programmes. Are there any NGOs in this area so involved in your state? Please state your experience. In the result, please state whether the NGOs or voluntary organizations should be entrusted with the task.	A Registered Society namely-Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) with the Hon'ble LG, A&N Islands as Chairman, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration as Vice-Chairman, Heads of the Department and Public Representatives including the Member of Parliament, A&N Islands Constituency as Members has been functioning to look after the welfare of the Primitive Tribes since 1976. It is fully funded from the grant-in-aid provided by the A & N Administration over the years AAJVS has done good work among the Primitive Tribes.
22. The Tenth Plan Working Group has recommended that NGOs should be encouraged to take up developmental projects for specific PTGs and the funding should include the administrative cost of the NGOs concerned. Please set out your views in this regard.	This Administration is not in favour of inducing any NGO to take up development programmes for the welfare of the PTGs as the handling of the task of development for the PTGs is very delicate and requires expertise.