

councils have been authorized for the welfare of the tribals. The sufficient outlet of foodgrains has been available near the settlement. The number and location of the PDS centers in the different areas are as under :-

Name of the Organisation	Location	Existing Capacity
Civil Supplies	Car Nicobar	700 MTs
P.M.B.	Car Nicobar	1000 MTs
Civil Supplies	Katchal	800 MTs
P.M.B.	Katchal	200 MTs
Civil Supplies	Kamorta	850 MTs
P.M.B.	Kamorta	200 MTs
Civil Supplies	Campbell Bay	500 MTs
P.M.B.	Campbell Bay	250 MTs
Civil Supplies	Chowra	100 MTs
Civil Supplies	Teresa	200 MTs
Civil Supplies	Pillomilow	25 MTs
Civil Supplies	Pillobhabi	25 MTs
Civil Supplies	Kondul	25 MTs
Civil Supplies	Teatop	--

4. Are the PDS centres run by business/commercial interests or by state or by NGOs or cooperatives? Whatever be the case, please explain the reasons therefore.

5. There are well documented reports that the food-grain shops opened in the tribal areas have become centers of corruption as the food-grains allotted to these shops vanish to the urban markets at premium prices no sooner these reach the shops. The monitoring machinery at district /state levels needs to be restructured and tightened. What is the involvement of village Panchayat in PDS? In one state, food was to be supplied through the village Panchayat but salary of the staff required for the purpose was not given. Indicate the set-up which monitors the PDS and the involvement of Panchayats in PDS. Will the involvement of Panchayats improve matters?

All PDS Centers run by States under the control of Director of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Port Blair.

All PDS Centres are controlled by the Director of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Port Blair through the staff of the Civil Supplies Department and payment is being made by the Director of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, A & N Administration, Port Blair and there is not involvement of Panchayats in PDS. However, the Gram Panchayats have been authorized to identify areas where opening of New Price Shops are to be opened and invite applications from willing persons for opening of New fair Price Shops. The Panchayats have also been authorized to recommend issue of licence of Fair Price Shops, cancellation of licence for violation of rules, monitoring the function