

21. Are you of opinion that hostels managed by non-official agencies are run more economically, efficiently and sympathetically than those managed by government? Please explain.	Not applicable.
22. Please state the extent of grant-in-aid sanctioned to pre-matric and post-matric hostels managed by non-official organizations and the manner of its utilization.	Not applicable.
23. Often there is the complaint that scholarships and other incentives do not reach the students concerned in time on account of which there is harassment. Please mention the position in your state and the steps taken to streamline the schemes.	There is no such complaint in this UT.
Medium of Instruction	
24. According to Article 350A, it will be the endeavour of every state and every local authority within the state to provide adequate facilities for instruction in the mother-tongue at the primary stage of education to children belonging to linguistic minority groups; and the President may issue such directions to any State as he considers necessary or proper for securing the provision of such facilities. In many tribal regions of the country, tribal children do not understand any regional language. In this context, it becomes necessary to impart education to them in their mother-tongue at least at the primary level or till they are able to acquire adequate standard of the regional language. What view has State Government taken in this regard?	Nicobari primers have been developed and introduced up to class III. The primers for higher classes are being developed by the Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore. There is a proposal to bring out a dictionary in Nicobaree language and also to codify it.
25. If they feel that instruction in the tribal languages conduces to easy grasp of subjects, what steps have been taken there-for?	As mentioned in our reply to point No.24.
26. What progress has been made in production of text-books in the concerned tribal language and appointment of teachers conversant with tribal languages?	- do -