

8. It is understood that a new National Health Policy is on the anvil in the Ministry of Health. What are your suggestions relating to ST population for inclusion therein?	Special attention to be focused on the Health Care Policy of the Tribal sector which should be diluted from the prescribed norms of Govt. of India regarding establishment of Sub Centre, PHC, CHC etc.
9. It appears that many tribal communities have built up reservoirs of health and medical knowledge over generations, depending both on the herbal and psychosomatic lines of treatment. Many tribal communities still rely on that system to a smaller or larger degree. Please outline the steps adopted by the State Government to undertake research and develop the indigenous i.e. tribal system of medicine.	The Primitive Tribes use herbal medicines for treatment of ailments, but their herbal medicines have not been documented. No research on indigenous medicines of the tribals has been under taken.
10. The allopathic system of medicine has made considerable in-roads into tribal areas and among tribal people. Please state to what extent has this system been accepted. Has the State government studied its impact on the tribal people? Has it been entirely beneficial or some adverse effects are noticeable?	Of the six STs, the Nicobaries have fully accepted the system of medicines. Over a period of time the Primitive Tribes too have gradually accepted the allopathic system of medicine. Even the Jarawas who have become friendly since 1997, have accepted the allopathic treatment. No adverse impact of allopathic medicine on the tribals has been noticed.
11. At least in one respect, the tribal traditional system more or less scores over its modern counterpart. It approaches human disorders psychosomatically as well as organically, while the modern system aims at biochemical effects. Under pressure of modern pharmaceutical propaganda, some amount of alienation from the traditional system has crept in, particularly among the younger generation. Even the older generations have not remained uninfluenced. Advantage may be taken by the tribal communities of both the traditional and allopathic systems, of the latter for particularly advanced types of ailments as well as those ailments for which allopathy has a time-tested treatment. What are the views of the State Government?	No tribal traditional system of Medicine could be destroyed. The allopathic Medicine are applied for treatment of medical ailments and the majority of the tribal population has willfully accepted.
12. In many tribal areas, traditional tribal medicine-men give medicines based on herbs and roots. Do you allow the tribals to collect medicinal herbs freely from the reserve and other types of forests? If so, furnish details.	There is no restriction on collection of medicinal herbs from the reserved forest. The details of herbs collected by the tribals have not been documented.