

6. With reference to animal husbandry and fisheries sectors, have similar steps been taken?	The Animal Husbandry Deptt. is imparting training in Poultry, Piggery and Goatery to the interested tribal candidates under Veterinary Extension Programme and after training necessary inputs such as poultry / piggery / goatery etc. on 50% subsidy are supplied to improve their economic condition.
7. In the forestry sector, much of the blame for encroachment and subsequent eviction, involvement of tribals in illicit felling, their prosecution under the Indian Forest Act and the like may be attributable to the communication gap between the forest authorities and the concerned tribal groups. If the position is clarified to the tribal about forest matters before action is resorted to, there is no doubt that much of the confrontations can be avoided.	Of the six STs, the Nicobarese are well educated and advanced. So they are well aware of the restrictions of the use of forest resources. The rest five tribes are classified as Primitive Tribes, Of them the Onges and Great Andamanese are settled.. The remaining 3 Primitive tribal groups namely, the Jarawa, Shompen and Sentinelese are at hunting stage. There is no restriction on use of forest resources by the bonofide tribals for their domestic purpose No illicit felling of the commercial trees by the tribals have yet been reported.
8. Cooperation and marketing are vital sectors and their proper structuring can make a positive impact on the socio-economic tribal milieu. The reason why they have made so little dent seems to be owing to the fact that the concerned tribal groups have not understood the advantages they can bring. For instance, the benefits accruing from the operation of laws have not received a degree of response from tribals as they are unaware about them. Has the State Government thought about this aspect and evolved the requisite communication methodology?	Of the six Scheduled Tribes, only the Nicobarese are growing horticultural crops like coconut, areca nut at large scale. They have formed Primary Cooperative Societies at every village, which handles procurement and marketing of their produces like copra and bettlenut and also retail consumer goods. These societies market their produces under the market intervention scheme of the Govt. of India through the Apex society. Thus the Nicobarese are fully aware of the advantages of the cooperative system.
9. Usually, the tribal is ignorant of the general laws, and even of the protective laws like anti-land-alienation, money-lending, atrocities etc. The result is that he is often at a loss in relation to the exploiting agencies. In court cases where he is dragged against his will, he suffers grievously because of ignorance of legal procedures. What steps have the State Government taken to ensure that he is seized of the knowledge in this regard?	The A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956 fully protects the rights of the tribals in lands and trades. No non-tribals can acquire land in the tribal area without the specific sanction of the Administrator. The Money Lending Regulation is not applicable to the tribal area. Recently the Administration has displayed hoardings containing the protective rights of tribals under the Prevention of Atrocities Act 1981, both in English and Hindi at different important locations all over the A & N islands so that the tribals become aware of their rights under the law.