

Housing

10. Please state the number of house/house sites allotted in the State. Is it in comparison with SC/ST population percentage? Reasons for short fall, if any.

Ans: No house site have been allotted to any category of persons including STs during the last three years. So there is no question of comparison. However, 26 ready built houses provided to the Onges settled at Dugong Creek and six houses provided to the Onges at South Bay are being renovated/reconstructed out of the fund under special Central Assistance provided by Govt. of India as their houses having been built way back in 1978 were in very bad shape.

Land

11. How much waste land/surplus land has been allotted to and taken possession of by landless agricultural laborers belonging to SCs/STs during the last three years? What is the average size of land allotted?

Ans: No waste land / Surplus land has been allotted to and taken possession of from landless agricultural labourers belonging to STs during the last three years. The tribal land in the Nicobar Islands has been held by the Nicobarese under their own traditional rights and there is no government land which has been declared as surplus in respect of the above area. The plantation like coconut etc. have been raised and allotted to Onges and Andamanese for their use. The other tribes i.e. Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens inhabit extensive tribal reserved area and they are practicing hunting gathering subsistence economy and as such there are no agricultural labourer among them.