

12. What is the Government Policy to rehabilitate displaced people when their land is acquired for development project? What are the guiding principles of such policy?

Ans: No tribals have so far been displaced on account of acquisition of their lands for any developmental project.

13. (a) What legislative and executive measures have been taken to check land alienation of SCs/STs?

Ans: Alienation of land is non-existent in this UT. According to the A & N Islands (Protection of aboriginal tribes) regulation 1956, the transfer of tribal's land to non-tribals is prohibited without the sanction of the Administrator.

(b) How many land alienation cases have been detected each year during the last three years?

Ans: Does not arise.

(c) What steps have been taken to dispose off such cases?

Ans: Does not arise

(d) How many cases have been disposed off so far?

Ans: Does not arise.

Forestry

14. The extent of participation promoted among SCs/STs in the field of Social Forestry? Its impact on their economy and living conditions.

Ans: So far as the tribal area is concerned the Social Forestry scheme (Forestry extension) is being implemented on the Forest land as well as sea shore to preserve the environment. The planting work is carried out by the Forest Department itself. However, the local tribals are employed as labourers for