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Irrigation facilities of importance in the state

	<u>Non -tribal Area</u>	<u>Tribal Area</u>
1. No. of ponds	962	Nil
2. No. of Pump sets	1018	Nil

Development

1. What are the orders promulgated by the Government in the Scheduled Areas of the State for ST?

Ans: There are no scheduled areas notified in the A & N Islands. However, there is a law viz. the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation 1956 Promulgated by the President of India under Article 243 of the Constitution under which the tribal areas predominantly inhabited by the tribals have been designated as reserved areas.

2. What are the specific needs and problems of SC/ST communities in your State?

Ans: The specific problem relating to scheduled tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are mainly due to the following:-

- (i) The territory is an archipelago. Islands are situated in the remote places hence many of them are not easily accessible.
- (ii) ST population is sparsely spread in remote isolated islands except for one Island where the Nicobar District Headquarters is located.
- (iii) Lack/inadequate infrastructure in the Island territory.
- (iv) Inaccessibility clubbed with hostility of some of the primitive tribes of these Islands.
- (v) Communication gap particularly with primitive tribes due to absence of scientific studies particularly the linguistic study.

The needs of the Scheduled Tribes of Andaman Nicobar Islands could be as under:-