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3. Please State

- (a) Whether the existing machinery for formulation and implementation of the SCP/Tribal Sub-Plan is adequate and effective? If not, what further steps are needed to strengthen the existing set-up ? What measures have been adopted to secure trained personnel for implementation of programme of socio-economic development of SC/ST in inaccessible/difficult areas ?

Ans: Yes. An autonomous body called- Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) has been constituted and registered as a society under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Lt.Governor, A & N Islands to look after the welfare and development of the primitive tribes. The Tribal Welfare Officer /Social Workers have been deployed at the primitive tribal settlements to look after their needs. The Tribal Welfare Officers/ Social Workers have been appointed with the educational background in Anthropology/Sociology.

The existing machinery for formulation and implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan in respect of the advanced tribe, that is, Nicobarese Tribes, is as under:

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The Nicobarese ~~tribes~~ are inhabiting the Nicobar Islands. There is a separate District for Nicobar Islands headed by a Deputy Commissioner. There are two community development blocks in the District manned by BDOs and other usual staffs. The entire tribal area including a village - Harminder Bay in the Little Andaman Island is covered under ITDP. The ITDP is administered by a ITDA. The Deputy Commissioner is the chairman of the ITDA and officers of the Sectoral Departments are the members of the ITDA, apart from the tribal leaders. Tribal Sub-Plan area and ITDP area are coterminous.