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- d) What has been the impact of anti-poverty and employment programmes such as IRDP, JRY etc., on the SCs/STs of the State ? Position of the beneficiaries for the last three years may be given.

Ans: The programmes like IRDP, IAY, JRY and Programmes under Special Central Assistance have helped the tribal people to improve their position socio-economically. Houses are provided under IAY to needy people. Building materials are provided under the programmes under Special Central Assistance so that better houses are built by the tribals. The Primitive Tribes like Onges and Andamanese are being provided with the houses under the Special Central Assistance. Free ration and other requirements are met in respect of the Primitive Tribes out of the funds provided out of Special Central Assistance (SCA) by Govt. of India and UT's Budget.

The Achievement for the last three years is as under :

Year	IRDP No. of ST families	JRY No. of Mandays	IAY No. of Houses sanctioned
1996-97	36	44900	192
1997-98	50	9311	197
1998-99	102	30082	68

- (e) What have been the type of schemes and the sectors in which IRDP benefits have been provided in the last 3 years. What has been the percapita investment under this programme.

Ans: Following are the type of schemes implemented by the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Nicobars under IRDP.

- Supply of mechanised fishing boat with in-board engine.
- Supply of petty consumer item for petty Shop.
- Supply of Barbed Wire for fencing of agricultural farms.
- Supply of Sewing Machines with accessories.
- Supply of Bicycle with repairing kit.

The per capita investment on each family/ Beneficiary is Rs. 12,000/- under the programme.