

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 labourers among them.

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 tribal land displacing them have been acquired for development 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. There is a law known as Andaman Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 under which alienation of the tribal land is prohibited. The concerned Revenue authorities like Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners and others have been on the alert to prevent any possibility of land alienation in the tribal areas.

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

Ans: Nil