

(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. The ~~entire scheme~~ of Social Forestry (Forestry extension) in these Islands is being implemented by Panchayati Raj Institutions** from the beginning of the 9th Five Year Plan. Accordingly the Panchayati Raj Institutions in the Tribal areas implement the schemes in consultation with the Forest department of the Administration. The impact of the schemes on the living conditions of the tribals can be ^{perceived} directly by way of providing employment at the local level to the tribals and indirectly by way of aesthetic improvement of their immediate environment as well as augmentation of their resources by way of planting useful species of trees.

a. Have you experience any constraint/difficulty in implementing the National Forest Policy, 1988? What are those measures suggested in this direction.

✓ Ans. The National Forest Policy, 1988 is being implemented successfully in this U.T.

** PRI here means traditional Tribal Councils.

~~However P.R.I.~~ ^{SA P.R.I.} scheme is not applicable to ~~tribal areas~~. However the Tribal Council is which works for all the develop activities of tribal people including social forestry.