

Issues/Aspects for which information is required by the Committee

- (i) How the local communities sustain their livelihoods before tsunami? In other words what are the traditional occupations evolved and adopted by local communities? To what extent the tsunami changed livelihoods of local inhabitants, particularly the tribal communities?

- (ii) To what extent the tsunami relief measures provided has altered the livelihoods that used to exist before tsunami?

- (iii) What is the role of forestry sector in livelihoods of local communities before, and after tsunami; how this sector has been influencing local area development and socio-cultural and economic conditions of local communities directly and indirectly? How the forestry management has been ensuring sustainability of forest ecosystems and yet providing economic benefits to the people?

What are the management practices followed to balance the extraction and growth of biomass? What is the requirement of wood for local communities?

How this requirement is met by community themselves without intervention of Forest Managers? Who were the consumers of the wood extracted from the forest and how much was the annual earnings for the State? What from the extraction of wood from forests?

- (iv) What is the status of natural forests and managed forests? What is the resilience of managed forests in contrast to natural forests? Is extraction of timber a sustainable activity on a long-term? What is the regenerating potential of worked out forests, conversion forests, tsunami affected forests and natural gaps in natural forests? What are growth rates of extractable timber species? What are their roles in ecosystem