necessary facilities at their settlements by the Administration. As such, the livelihood of Andamanese and Onges has not been affected to any considerable extent by tsunami.

The other PTGs i.e Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens have hunting and gathering mode of livelihood. The forest area inhabited by these tribes has not been affected to any great extent by the tsunami. As such there is no perceptible change in the livelihood of the above said tribes.

The Nicobarese tribe has been traditionally engaged in the horticulture activities. The coconut plantation in many villages were located on the coastal areas also. As such, some portions of the coconut plantation were damaged due to the tsunami of December, 2004.

Various Departments including Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Industries etc. of the A & N Administration have rehabilitation programmes for the Nicobarease. The details of which would be available with the Relief and Rehabilitation Department in the Secretariat.

Para (vii) Andaman Trunk Road and Jarawas

The Andaman Trunk Road passes across the South Andaman and Middle Andaman Islands. The Jarawa tribe inhabits the western parts of the above said islands. The traditional livelihood of the Jarawa is hunting and gathering in the forest apart from fishing in the coastal waters. The Jarawa tribe has its own culture and social structure. The research organizations like Anthropological Survey of India are mandated with the study and documentation of society and culture of the tribes including the Jarawas.

The Jarawa tribe is affected to some extent because of the road accidents on the ATR sometime. The Jarawas are shifted to Health Centres located in a non tribal areas and Port Blair for their treatment in case the insitu treatment of minor disease is not enough to save the life of the Jarawas. The vehicles used for the evacuation of the Jarawa patients also move on the ATR. The convoy system for the vehicular movement on the ATR scrupulously enforced will reduce the negative impacts of the ATR on the Jarawa tribe.

Para (ix) conceptual definition of Tribe

Tribe is group of people, families, clans or an ethnic community having a distinct or common culture often occupying a territory.