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(5) PUC is a D.O letter from the Secretary to GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi. Addressed to the Chief Secy, A&N Admn's regarding procurement and market Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Surplus Agriculture Produce (SAP) by ~~the~~ the State Tribal Development Cooperative corporations. They have stated that the main harvest ~~from~~ procurement ~~season~~ season for MFP & SAP is on. If organisations under State Govt. are informed of the commitment of TRIFED in this regard, TRIFED can work with organization and achieve the objective. They have asked our views on the Subject.

In this connection if it maybe mentioned that there is no Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations functioning in this UT for procurement and market MFP and SAP grown/collected by the Tribals.

There are following Scheduled

(7) Tribes viz. ① The Andamanis ② The Ongals, ③ The Jarawas, ④ ^{The} Sentinelese, ⑤ The Shompens and ⑥ The Nicobarese in the A&N Islands. Of these first five are primitive hunters and gatherers. As such there is ^{no} scope for purchase of minor forest produce from them.

There are no forest Produce worth-
(8) while in the Nicobars District to which can