

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3815**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 05/04/2023

**TRIBAL WELFARE IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS**

3815 SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total fund allocated for tribal welfare in Andaman and Nicobar Islands since 2019;
- (b) the special schemes implemented for the educational and social developments of tribal people in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (c) whether there is any special assistance scheme for the promotion of traditional skills and craft of the tribal people in Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

**(a) to (b):** Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has informed that the total fund allotted for tribal welfare in Andaman and Nicobar Islands since 2019-20 is as under:

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fund allotted under Tribal Sub Plan</b>
2019-20	129.29
2020-21	116.01
2021-22	201.78
2022-23	236.27

Andaman and Nicobar Islands (A&N) has informed that Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) is working for the welfare, wellbeing and protection of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and provides free ration and clothes to the Onges, Andamanese & Shompens and has also created amenities for supply of potable water, free ration, medical care, education, protection, communication through police wireless and provided infrastructure as Community Hall, houses, footpath, jetty for berthing of the boats, helipad etc. in the tribal settlements for these tribal groups.

AAJVS extends all financial support to the tribal students of Onge & Andamanese communities for their education at the primary, middle and higher secondary levels. Exclusive Middle level schools have been established in the tribal settlements for Onges at Dugong Creek, Little Andaman and for Andamanese at Strait Islands. Informal education system has been introduced amongst the Jarawa tribes through bilingual bicultural curriculum developed by A&N Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) and AAJVS.

Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Nicobar District implements various development programme in the field of education, health, sports, creation of community assets, recreation, upgrading academic and professional skill, self-employment opportunities, poverty alleviation, preservation and protection of traditional practice for the overall development and upliftment of the Nicobari tribes.

**(c) to (d):** Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has informed that AAJVS implements following programmes for the promotion of traditional skills and craft of the tribal people in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(i) Tribals are being encouraged to practice and pass on traditional skills to the younger generation such as fishing, wild pig hunting, turtle collection, honey collection, use of traditional tribal medicinal herbs/ plant with the help of AAJVS field staff.

(ii) Regular Handicraft/ Art workshop is being done for Jarawas, Shompens, and Onges Settlement to promote & keep their traditional skills alive.

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