CHAPTER -III

ECONOMIC SITUATION

The third chapter Economic Situation deals with the main occupation of the tribes like hunting, honey gathering and forest cultivation. Land ownership, occupation pattern, type and mode of work and mode of payment, agriculture, hunting, honey gathering, fishing, minor forest produce, commercial commodities, creepsetting herbal farm, preparing lemon grass oil, works done inside the mountains by the Paliyans, coffee cultivation, possession of livestocks, possession of modern goods, source of income, expenditure, indebtedness, bonded labour, condition of tribal bonded labourers in Dindigul district, response of the duration of the tribal bonded labourers), resettlement of loans, United National declaration on the rights of the indigenous peoples, the forest protective laws, new forests policy(1988), the right over land to live and the role of private money lenders.