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CHALLENGES AND REMEDIES: THE TRIBAL WAY

The Challenges and Remedies: The Tribal Way forms the fifth chapter. It deals with problems faced by the tribals and their suggestions for remedies. It discusses the challenges: basic amenities, minimum wages, forest department, exploitation of labour, minor forest produce, tribal indebtedness and money lenders, tribals at the hands of the contractors, mass illiteracy, problems of women education, expenditure, a life with no confidence, challenges faced by the Manthittu tribals, ban on the voluntary organizations, problems in getting the community certificate, anaemia, open area latrines, the demonstration to redeem the forest land and remedies: assistance expected by the tribals, inclusion of Dindigul tribal as primitive tribal group (PTGS), introduction of HADP, housing facilities to the tribals, construction of roads in the tribals settlement, effective enactment for controlling money lenders activities, land alienation, distributing lands to the landless, preservation and conservation of medical plants, provision for government loans, education, education facilities to the tribals, strengthening Self Help Groups, establishing rehabilitation centers, storage facilities, ration cards, old age pension, community certificate camp, the sales of the minor forest products, the scheme of the central and state governments, promotion of social education and the co-operation of all the departments.