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Q2(a)

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G. S. Ghurye

Sociologist who argued that so-called aborigines were backward Hindus and opposed Elwin's protectionist NEFA line.

Verrier Elwin

Argued for development along tribal genius, land protection, and limited outsider rush, especially in NEFA.

N. K. Bose

Described a Hindu method of absorbing tribal groups through occupation and festival without sudden race replacement.

F. G. Bailey

Bisipara study treating tribe and caste as a political continuum in highland Odisha.

Xaxa Committee 2014

Official review that treated Scheduled Tribes as historically dispossessed communities, not as incomplete Hindus.