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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The author has reached to the conclusion that tribes are the first victims of environmental degradation. It is agreed that the issue of degradation of environment is affected to all may be more to the tribes who depend their livelihood more on natural resources but this needs to be supported by reviewing some more literature/references.</li> <li>2. The environmental changes mentioned in the paper is just listed without facts and figures. It needs more facts and figures if available of the study area.</li> <li>3. Six tribes resided in the study area. Names of these tribes may be given in the methodology. The number of respondents was not given. It is suggested to write down the 7 issues related to cultural changes identified by the local respondents first and then ranking can be done in the results and discussion part.</li> <li>4. Though the formula of Garrett ranking method is given in the methodology the author did not mentioned about how the average Garrett score was arrived. The author needs to elaborate in this part before coming to the results and discussion. More tables are required for 'ith' item, 'jth individual' and 'frequency' etc. so as to arrive the Garrett score etc.</li> <li>5. Regarding changes in the housing pattern the explanation at 3.1.5 needs to be re-examined. No doubt the houses made of locally available materials are cheaper it is not necessary to be comfort and sustain the weather condition. The concrete houses are coming up in the area either due to lack of local material, comfort and strong, increase in income of the people etc.</li> <li>6. The explanation of 3.1.7 "Changes in the water use tradition" is confusing, it needs more description. Similar cases may be checked by the author.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The study is focused on the hilly tribes. Tribes living in the natural ecosystem and depending much on the natural resources for the sustenance of their entire life. Hence, any alteration in the natural ecosystem will have tremendous impact on their life, this needless to explain. Anyhow these facts have been well explained in the introduction part with supporting literature.</li> <li>2. The resulting cultural changes arising out of environmental changes have been discussed qualitatively. The quantitative results are given in the table. For better understanding from the readers point of view we have not included the quantitative figures and data along with qualitative interpretation.</li> <li>3. Names of the six tribes are included in methodology</li> <li>4. The article is focused on the cultural change aspects of the hilly tribes. Elaborating the procedure adopted related to the statistical tools employed is not required. Garrett ranking method is a common method widely adopted in social research.</li> <li>5. People who live in their own natural setting from time immemorial prefer to live in the same setting this will give more psychological comfort. there is an old saying that " Fishes prefers only water"</li> <li>6. The traditional pattern of water use behaviour of the hilly tribes was altered due to the environmental changes for which few documented crises have been discussed.</li> </ol>
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The paper is written very shortly. It lacks critical examination and looks like writing a news or narration by observing the place and people. It lacks lacks facts and figures to support the observation.	



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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	