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4. Monthly reports on implementation of Point No. 11 (b) on TPP and TSP.

The Secretary (TW) was informed that the HODs / offices concerned with the implementation of TPP & TSP were not regular in furnishing the reports. The Monthly report in respect of TPP is to reach on 5th of every month while the report on implementation of TSP is to reach this office on 7th of every month. A chart showing the receipt of the report from the various departments and also non-receipt of the reports should be sent to Secretary (TW) by 8th of every month for further follow up action.

5. Formulation of Grant-in-Aid rules for the Nicobarese Tribal Councils. ✓

The draft Grant-in-Aid Rules prepared on the model of those already notified for PRIs was submitted earlier to Secretary (TW) in file. During the meeting the Secretary (TW) observed that the draft Grant-in-Aid rules of the PRIs were too rigid and formal as the Nicobare Tribal Councils being traditional institutions of the Nicobarese may not be able to comply with those Grant-in-Aid rules.

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As desired by Secretary (TW) the Grant-in-Aid rules of Wakf Board and Social Welfare Advisory Board were discussed with the respective officers of the Administration i.e., Assistant Secretary (Social Welfare) and the official dealing with the Wakf Board matters and it was found that the A & N Administration provides only matching grant to SWAB on the pattern of assistance approved by Govt. of India.

However, the Secretary (TW) decided that Grant-in-Aid rules on the basis of Grant-in-Aid rules applicable to AAJVS should be formulated for payment of Grant-in-Aid to the Tribal Councils.

6) Meeting expenditure towards the services provided to the Primitive Tribals:

It was brought to the notice of Secretary (TW) that various departments of the Administration were raising bills towards facilities / services like electricity, hospitalization, hire charges for boats, water supply etc, against AAJVS though the departments having Tribal Sub-Plan are required to spend funds towards creation and maintenance of assets / infrastructures like Medical Sub-Centre, plantation, water supply, power house, foot path etc for the Primitive Tribes. So they could meet the expenditure towards providing facilities to the Primitive Tribes out of the fund provided under Tribal Sub-Plan. The Secretary (TW) desired that the departments concerned should be advised in the above lines following a decision by Administration, a proposal is to be put up.

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As is the case of street lights in the tribal areas of Nicobars, the expenditure towards providing electricity to the Primitive Tribes should be met out of the fund provided for street lights by the Tribal Welfare Department.

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7. Prompt payment of bills for Welfare activities for the Jarawas.

It was brought to the notice of Secretary (TW) that the bills towards the cost of gift etc provided to the Jarawas are being delayed due to delay in verification of the bills by the Committee constituted at the field level. The Secretary (TW) desired that the Committee should meet in the first week of every month invariably to verify the bills so as to facilitate prompt payment.

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