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Tribal Sub-plan (TSP)

7. The Andaman & Nicobar administration has introduced the Tribal Sub-Plan strategy of Govt. of India with the objective of achieving socio-economic development of the tribals and protecting their traditional culture /ethos and also exploitation from others. Keeping in view the idea the Nicobar District has been constituted into ITDP and TSP schemes are implemented here only. To preserve the traditional culture of these autochthonous people outsider non tribals/tribals are not even permitted to enter into the territory of some primitive tribal populated area. To protect the interest of tribals of Andaman, Adimjanjati Vikash Samity has been constituted, which is headed by the Lt. Governor of A & N Islands who looks after the welfare of primitive tribes only. Other tribal affairs are looked by an ITDA Committee with Deputy Commissioner of Nicobar, as Chairman, all the Heads of the Departments /Officers and tribal leaders as members and project officer of ITDP act as member secretary. They draw /formulate special projects for tribals and monitor and evaluate the progress of those schemes. Further, for monitoring and implementation of schemes, a research cell has been created in the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

8. Keeping in view the primitive nature of tribal people of A & N Islands TSP strategy has been adopted for giving 2 fold thrust: i) Socio-economic development of tribal areas as a whole and ii) that of tribal family development. On these basic premises, TSP funds are placed at the disposal of sectoral departments for implementation of plan schemes. As many as 21 sectors are primarily involved in undertaking need based schemes of the tribal people.

9. The total State plan outlay and flow of funds to TSP during the year 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1996-97 is given as under:

Table-1
Flow of funds to TSP

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Year	UT Plan outlay	Flow to TSP	%age	TSP expenditure	%age
1.	1992-93	18.24	2.55	13.99	N.A	-
2.	1993-94	15.65	2.20	14.44	N.A	-
3.	1996-97	22.50	2.91	12.93	1.62	55.67

Source: Ministry of Welfare, T.D. Division and Tribal sub-plan of A & N Island.

10. It is seen from the above table that the flow of funds to TSP is about 3% more than the percentage of ST population of UT, but there is a great short-fall in TSP expenditure for the year 1996-97. The data for the year 1994-95 and 1995-96 is not available. The Andaman Nicobar Island administration should ensure to spend the entire TSP allocation of funds earmarked for the financial year for the development of the tribal people.

11. All the 21 sectoral departments of A & N Island are involved in Socio-economic development of the people living there and specially for primitive tribal people of Andaman