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Sub: Conference of the States' Secrétaries in-charges of SC/ST Welfare and Rural Development Departments to review the programmes for development of SCs & STs.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.5/11/97-MEW dated 24th Sep'97 on the above-mentioned subject and to furnish herewith the required information in 15 sets on agenda points as under in

1. State Plan Funds :-

- (a) The total population of this U.T is 280661 out of which the tribal population is 26770, which is 9-54% of the total population of the U.T. This Administration had allocated 11.80%, 14.55%, 12.93% for TSP programme during the years 94-95, 95-96 and 96-97. Thus, the allocations for TSP were more than the percentage of the tribal population.
- 1b) The details of outlays and expenditures for the years 94-95, 95-96 and 96-97 are furnished in Statements 1 and 2 while the physical achievements is furnished in the Statement-3.
- (c) There was 92.14% expenditure during 94-95, 49.52% during 95-96 and 55.67% during 96-97. There was shortfalls in expenditure during the above years. The reasons for shortfall are delay in procurement of ships under Sector-Shipping, non-availability of building materials like sand, stones etc. because of environmental restrictions. There was no diversion of fund during the above years.