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III. Allocation of funds in SCP/TSP under various programmes for Rural Development.

- (a) Review of implementation of various Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to Rural employment and Rural Development including poverty alleviation.

The details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under Rural Development being implemented by DRDA, Car Nicobar for the benefit of the Nicobarese are furnished vide Annexure-III (Statement-2) (Financial) and Annexure-III (Statement-3) (Physical).

IV. Review of Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Ministry of Welfare

Of the schemes mentioned in the Agenda Item only 2 schemes viz. Post-matric scholarship and book banks are being implemented in this U.T. The progress of achievements in respect of these schemes could be seen vide Annexure IV (Statement-1) and Annexure-IV (Statement-5).

V. Critical Review of the Schemes under TSP and Suggestions.

Item No. 2 : Development of Primitive Tribal Groups

The details of expenditure incurred towards development of Primitive Tribal Groups could be seen vide Annexure - IV (Statement - 2). There was 73.81% utilisation of funds during the 1994-95. The shortfall was due to delay in construction of staff quarters at the Tribal Settlements. There was 100% utilisation of funds during the year 1995-96 and 96-97 for the development of PTGs.

Item No. 3: Forests & Tribals :

No constraint/ difficulties have been experienced in implementing the National Forest Policy in relation to the scheduled tribes in this UT.

As per section 13 of A & N Islands Protected Forest Rules 1986, the scheduled tribes have been given right for collection of Forest produce from the Protected Forest for their bonafide domestic use without any restriction.

The A & N Forest Department undertakes entire harvesting, sale of timber and other forest produce from the forest. Contractors are not involved in the above operation. So far no tribals have been found to be involved in purchase and marketing of Forest produce collected by them from the forest.

Item No. 4 : Excise Policy in Tribal Areas :

No license is issued for sale of liquor in the tribal areas of this UT.

Item No. 5 : Extent of displacement by major development projects and current rehabilitation policy by the States/ UTs :

No tribals have been displaced due to implementation of any projects in tribal areas.