

2. IP&T:

Out of an outlay of Rs. 5.00 lakhs, an expenditure of Rs. 1.46 lakh was incurred upto September'99, which was 29%. The Dy. Director Tourism stated that the major portion of the fund was provided for organisation of Bharat Darshan Tour of the tribal and their participation in exhibition etc. Such tours are normally organised during the months of November and December when the fund provided for this purpose will be spent. The Secretary (TW) asked him to find out the possibility of providing DRS with TV to remote and isolated islands in the tribal areas of Nicobars District under Tribal Sub-Plan and send a report on the action taken in this regard to the Tribal Welfare Department.

*(Action - Director (IP&T))*

3. Ports and Light Houses:

Out of an outlay of Rs. 55.00 lakhs, an expenditure of Rs. 6.84 lakhs was incurred upto September'99 which is 12.44%. The EE, ALHW stated that an estimate for Rs. 21.00 lakhs was just sanctioned for construction of Jetty at Mus village, Car-Nicobar. Now the work will be taken up and the entire allocation spent. He further stated that the following estimates viz. (1) Widening of Jetty at Kamorta at an estimated cost of Rs. 40.16 lakhs. (2) Construction of RCC Jetty at Pilobhabi, Great Nicobar at an estimated cost of Rs. 97.75 lakhs. (3) Shore protection work at Campbell Bay at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.92 lakhs had been submitted to the administration, but the estimates are yet to be approved. Consequently, ALHW is unable to take up the above works in the tribal area. The Secretary (TW) asked him to pursue with the concerned administrative branch of the Secretariat vigorously to expedite sanction of the estimates.

*(Action - EE, ALHW, AS (Shipping))*