

4. Civil Supplies:

Out of an outlay of Rs. 55.00 lakhs, an expenditure of Rs. 10.356 lakhs was incurred upto September'99, which is 18.83%. The Dy. Director of Civil Supplies stated that the major portion of the outlay, that is, Rs. 33.34 lakhs is allocated for construction of supply godowns at various places in the tribal areas. The construction works of godowns were reported to be in progress, so the entire outlay for the capital works will be utilised before the end of the financial year.

With regard to the revenue component of Rs. 21.66%, he stated that the action has been already initiated for procurement of equipments of weights and measures, working standard balance etc. With the finalisation of the procurement process, fund allocated for the revenue component will be utilised fully.

5. Agriculture:

Out of an outlay of Rs. 22.50 lakhs, an expenditure of Rs. 5.28 lakhs was incurred upto Sep'99 which is 23.46%. The Joint Director of Agriculture verbally inform that an amount of Rs. 2.50 lakhs was spent under special central assistance also against an amount of Rs. 7.23 lakhs released by the T.W Deptt. He further stated that an estimate for construction of water harvesting structure at Car-Nicobar has just been sanctioned. The APWD is likely to take up the construction work shortly, so the entire outlay provided under capital component will be spent. He further stated that a proposal for appointment of some daily rated Mazdoors for planting works in the tribal area was submitted to the Administration in August'99, but the proposal is yet to be approved. Consequently, the Agriculture Department could not undertake implementation of the scheme under SCA. The Secretary (TW) desired that the Agriculture Department may pursue the matter with the concerned Administrative Branch of the Secretariat vigorously to expedite the approval of the proposal.

(Action D.A, Secretary (Agri))