

It was pointed out by various departments that the projects relating to creation of infrastructures that were linked to allotment of land in Nicobars District were lingering due non-availability of the lands as the tribals were generally reluctant to part with their lands. The following departments viz. Electricity, Fisheries, Civil Supplies, Health, Transport, Social Welfare and Shipping are reported to have sent their requirements of lands to the DC, Nicobars, but the lands are yet to be allotted.

With regard to the requirement of land for quarters at Car-Nicobar a reference is invited to para ix- 'construction of quarters' of the minutes of the co-ordination meeting held on 22.9.99 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration in which it was decided to hold up any fresh proposal for construction of quarters at Car-Nicobar until the availability of the existing quarters is assessed to determine whether there is any necessity for the construction of new quarters. However, this decision will not apply to other Islands in Nicobars District.

Meanwhile, the departments concerned were asked to send to the Director (TW) their requirements of lands of various projects other than quarters for Car-Nicobar and other islands, indicating full details including budget provision available so that a consolidated requirement of land can be sent to the DC, Nicobars.

A statement showing outlay and expenditure upto September, 1999 under Tribal Sub-Plan 1999 is annexed hereto.