

Minutes of the meeting held on 3.2.2000 from 9.30.a.m to 12.00.p.m in the chamber of Secretary (TW), A & N Administration, Port Blair to review the progress of implementation of the annual Tribal Sub-Plan 1999-2000.

A list of participants is annexed hereto. The sector-wise review was carried out as under :

1. Forestry :

An amount of Rs. 25.97 lakhs was spent against an outlay of Rs. 64.45 lakhs. The DCF headquarters stated that the expenditure figure in respect of capital work was awaited from the DCF, Campbell Bay. Hence the percentage of expenditure was poor. However, it will improved as soon as the expenditure figure from DCF, Car-Nicobar is received.

When asked about the progress of construction of staging posts in the Jarawa area, he informed that the staging posts, one each, at Tirur, Potatang, Bamboo Tekri and Lakra Lungta had been completed. With regard to deployment of staff to the staging posts, he stated that the staff (Forest guard) will be deployed by diverting from the overall strength of the department. There is no need to make any specific provision towards the staff for the staging posts in the Jarawa area under the annual TSP 2000-2001 as the Forest Department will be meeting the recurring expenditure towards maintenance of the staff for the staging posts out of its overall annual plan budget. Further a dispersed plantation of fruit ^{bearing} trees has been raised in an area of two hectares at Bamboo Tekri. The DCF (HQ) assured that there will be no surrender of fund during the current financial year.

2. Co-operation :

An amount of Rs. 15.69 lakhs was spent towards revenue upto Jan'2000 against an total outlay of Rs. 28.50 lakhs, but no expenditure was incurred towards capital (building). An estimate for Rs. 8.89 lakhs towards fencing of the office of DRCS, Car-Nicobar was stated to have been submitted to the Administration for approval. The DRCS assured to pursue with the Administration to expedite sanction of the estimate so that the expenditure can be booked during the current financial year. Besides, he informed that the following proposals viz. (1) grant-in-aid to Nicobar District Co-operative Union, (2) Transport subsidy amounting to Rs. 3.00 lakhs to EHL, Car-Nicobar, (3) share capital amounting to Rs. 4.00 lakhs to be paid to five Panam Hinengo Ltd., Nancowry have been submitted to the Administration for approval.