

It was reported that the building of the Great Andamanese Multipurpose Co-operative Society (GAMPCS) and the Onges Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society (OMPCS) at Dugong Creek are very old and in very bad shape. So a new building for each of the above societies are to be constructed, but those societies are not financially sound to construct the building out of their own resources. Therefore the RCS was requested to examine the feasibility of providing fund for construction of building for each of the above societies for running their day to day affairs.

### 3. Fisheries :

An amount of Rs. 19.53 lakhs was spent against an outlay of Rs. 31.65 lakhs, which accounts for 62% of the outlay. The Assistant Director (Fisheries) stated that five staff quarters at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.00 lakhs were under construction at Car-Nicobar. Orders for procurement of Essential Fisheries Requisites (EFR) at a cost of Rs. 7.00 lakhs and fishing boats at a cost of Rs. 2.50 lakhs to be stationed at Car-Nicobar for demonstration have been placed on the concerned Firm. There will be no surrender of fund under TSP during the current financial year.

### 4. Agriculture :

An expenditure of Rs. 16.36 lakhs was incurred upto Jan'2000 against an outlay of Rs. 22.50 lakhs.

With regard to implementation of schemes under SCA, the representatives of Directorate of Agriculture stated that an amount of Rs. 4.39 lakhs was spent upto Jan'2000 against an amount of Rs. 9.00 lakhs released under SCA by the Tribal Welfare Department. He stated that maintenance of plantation at Dugong Creek and South Bay has already been completed. When asked whether the Agriculture Department will be able to spend an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs which is further proposed to be released under SCA out of the 2nd installment released by the GOI recently, he pointed out that the planting season was already over, so there was no scope for spending any further amount. Therefore an amount of Rs. 5.00 lakhs could be diverted for welfare of the PTGs.