

to spend the amount already released. When asked whether the department will require an amount of Rs. 12.50 lakhs proposed to be released out of the 2nd installment under SCA released by the GOI, the ADE stated that no further fund is required. So it was decided that the above amount may be diverted for the welfare of the PTGs.

It was reported that the Nicobarese tribals of Harminder Bay had complained for non-issue of free stationary articles, uniform etc. to the tribal students of High School, Harminder Bay during the current academic session. Therefore the ADE, (Planning) was asked to check up from the Head Master whether the educational incentives viz. stationary articles etc. have been issued to the tribal students and confirm the position to the TW Department immediately. The Secretary (TW) desired that the Education Department should in future ensure that the educational incentives are timely delivered to the tribal students.

10. Rural Development :

There are 9 schemes with a total outlay of Rs. 45.34 lakhs being implemented under SCA by the DC, Nicobars. Out of an amount of Rs. 28.88 lakhs comprising Rs. 24.27 being unspent balance of previous year and Rs. 4.61 lakhs being allocation from the first installment of SCA during the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 8.76 lakhs was spent upto the 31st Dec'2000. Further there is a proposal to release an amount of Rs. 16.55 lakhs out of the 2nd installment recently released by the GOI. However, it could not be ascertained whether the amount proposed to be allocated out of the 2nd installment could be spent by the DC, Nicobars before the end of the current financial year as none from DCs Office attended the meeting. Therefore the DC, Nicobars may be requested to intimate whether he will be able to spend an amount of Rs. 16.55 lakhs proposed to be allocated out of the 2nd installment immediately.