The suggestions/schemes emerged during the inter-active sessions between the Senior Officers of Admn and Tribal representatives and other prominent citizens held on 1st and 2nd Aug 2001 at Megapode Nest, Port Blair and also suggestions contained in the tour report of team of officers to Southern Group of Islands from 2.4.01 to 9.4.2001 may also be kept inview while formulating the 10th Five Year Tribal Sub-Plan.

The Tribal Sub-Plan area predominantly comprises the Nicobars District including a small pocket of Nicobarese settlement at Herminder Bay, Little Andaman Island. Integrated Tribal Development Project has been constituted for the entire Nicobar District with DC (Nicobar) as it Chairman. Hence, consultation/suggestions of Chairman ITDP are required to be incorporated while formulating the schemes for Tribal Sub-Plan.

Similarly, special schemes are to be incorporated for the welfare of the Primitive Tribes like Shompens, Onges, Andamanese, Jarawas etc in your respective sector.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly formulate the scheme for inclusion under draft 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Tribal Sub-Plan (2002-07) and Annual Tribal Sub-Plan (2002-03) both under UT flow of funds and Special Central Assistance of the Govt of India with which are concerned and submit to this office latest by 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2001 in the proforma as prescribed for Tribal Sub-Plan in the previous years. The page numbering for the Tribal Sub-Plan may be done as per Annexure attached.

The Department's plan proposals will be discussed immediately after receipt for finalization of Working Group recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr MM Kutty) Secretary (TW)