

3) Civil Supplies

The Director of Civil Supplies stated that all the schemes implemented during the 9th Five Year Plan will be continued during the 10th Plan with an outlay of Rs. 248.43 lakh. No new scheme was proposed for the 10th Five Year Plan. The Expert suggested that the consumer awareness programme may be taken up in the tribal area vigorously and also enforcement machinery activated / geared to enforce the weight/measures effectively so that the tribals are not cheated.

4) Public Health

The Directorate of Health Services mentioned that there is a demand for a hospital ship for evacuating the tribal patients from the various remote Islands in Nicobars District. The DHS informed that the feasibility of the proposal is being examined in consultation with the Shipping Department. Keeping in view the direction of High Court of Calcutta on Jarawa, the DHS was asked to make adequate provision for Hospital and Dispensary for Jarawas. An immunological and disease pattern study on Jarawas is also suggested.

5) Animal Husbandry

Following suggestion were also made: -

- a) Sterilization of dogs in the Jarawa area under Animal Birth Control Programme.
- b) 'Tuhel' level Demonstration Farm of Poultry and Piggery for the Nicobarese a Nicobars District including Harminder Bay.

6) Shipping

The Shipping Department has proposed an outlay of Rs. 33101.45 lakh for various schemes during the 10th Five Year Plan. The Director of Shipping Services stated that altogether six vessels have been proposed to improve inter-islands shipping services in the Southern Group of Islands. These vessels having been procured will be stationed at Car Nicobar and Nancowry.

7) Water Supply & Sanitation

The APWD has projected an outlay of Rs. 137.00 lakh for implementation of various schemes in the tribal areas, which include augmentation of water supply to 30 (partially covered) tribal villages. He was asked to keep provision for augmentation of water supply at Tirur camp No. 4, Spike Island, Potatang and Middle Strait for the Jarawas.