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13) Power

The Executive Engineer, Electricity Department stated that necessary provision for augmentation of DG capacity at Little Andaman, Katchal, Champin, Teressa, Kamorta, Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar Island has been made in the 10th Five Year Plan for which additional DG sets will be procured. 93 tribal villages are to be electrified during the 10th Five Year Plan. The emphasis will be on non-conventional sources of energy.

14) IP&T

The Publicity Department has projected an outlay of Rs. 25.00 lakh for implementation of various schemes in the tribal areas which include opening of new Information Centre and film units in tribal areas. The expert pointed out that the fund earmarked for Audio-visual publicity should not be diverted.

15) Social Welfare

The Social Welfare Department has projected an outlay of Rs. 88.90 lakh for implementation of various schemes in the tribal areas which include scholarship to handicapped tribal students, financial assistance to tribals for self employment venture, unemployment allowance, financial assistance for their better treatment, purchase and repair of aids and appliances and permanently disabled allowances, old age pension to destitute tribal people and construction of a working women hostel at Car Nicobar. The following suggestions were made.

- a) Coverage of old age pension scheme is to be more extensive. Survey of beneficiaries is necessary.
- b) Scheme of drug abuse and alcoholism is to be implemented effectively.

16) Nutrition

The Social Welfare Department has projected an outlay of Rs. 110.00 lakh for implementation of various schemes in the tribal areas which include provision for nutritious food to children upto the age of 0-3 years and supplementary nutrition to children belonging to weaker section of the society, lactating mothers and pregnant ladies through Anganwadi Centres.

17) Fisheries

The Assistant Director of Fisheries stated that necessary provision for providing essential fisheries requisites and other fishing equipments to ST families on subsidy basis has been made in the 10th Five Year Plan. Other schemes implemented during the 9th Five Year Plan will be continued. It was suggested to include scheme for Jarawa coastal areas to augment the food resources.
