forests would ensure steady supply of minor forest produce (MFP) to the villagers and would create employment opportunities. Both of these would help in easing the pressure of poaching in Tribal Reserves. In case of the Jarawa Reserve, such places where JFM schemes can be helpful are Tirur, Kadamtala, Kaushalyanagar and Chainpur. Similarly, high population density settlement areas in Little Andaman may also be identified.

Forest Department may include the necessary schemes in the light of the discussions for 10th Five Year Plan Tribal Sub-Plan.

## 2) Village and Small Scale Industries:

It was observed that the training facilities in different trades existing at Car Nicobar are not being fully utilized by the tribals as the tribals of other areas are not able to avail these facilities. So the training facilities in different trades are to be extended to the Nicobarese of other areas like Katchal, Chowra, Nancowry etc. It was also felt that the Nicobarese of Katchal, Chowra, Nancowry are good craftsmen and they produce considerable amount of handicrafts, but no market facility is available. The Industries Department could extend the market facility for the handicrafts of the Nicobarese of those areas.

It was suggested by the Expert that there should be a separate sales counter for the handicrafts produced by the tribals so that their handicrafts are exclusively displayed for sale to the tourists and others. The combined sales counter of tribal and non-tribal handicrafts may help in marketing of tribal handicrafts in large scale. The ASI, Port Blair is ready to spare space in the new office building, which is under construction, for a sales counter for the tribal handicrafts. The manpower could be provided by the Industries Department. A large number of tourists are visiting Anthropological museum at Port Blair. A sales counter in the same building where museum is located, will help in sale the tribal handicrafts. AAJVS can also arrange sale of the handicrafts of the Primitive Tribes through the proposed sales counter.

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