

- The villagers were asked to identify educated youths (Class X/XI passed) for training in agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries techniques so that they can pass on these techniques to others in their villages.
- There was general demand from villagers for enhanced duration of electric supply. They were informed that this will be done in a phased manner i.e. enhancement from 5 hrs to 8 hrs, 8 hrs to 12 hrs, 12 hrs to 16 hrs and 16 hrs to 24 hrs. The far flung inhabited villagers will be provided with solar lanterns. The enhanced duration of power supply also requires frequent and regular shipping services for supply of diesel, spares and transportation of personnel.
- The team also assessed the demand for rural roads in different islands and the field functionaries of PWD were asked to include the requirements of the villagers in the Master Plan being prepared for Rural Roads connectivity. The tribal leaders and PRI members were also asked to decide on inter se priority in view of funds constraint.
- Most of the remote villages visited did not have telephone facility. Such villages should be provided with INMARSAT phones (satellite phones).
- The penetration of primary schools was found to be high and even the remote schools had two PSTs. However, many of the Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools did not have any Principals. There was also shortage of regular Science and Maths teachers which was being overcome by contract teachers. It was informed that Principals would be posted in all schools during next academic session as number of teachers are going to be promoted as Principals. More regular Science and Maths teacher would also be posted during general transfers of 2001.
- Most of the villages had the Health Sub-centre with an ANM and a ward-boy. There was demand for posting of a Pharmacist. They were informed that as per the GOI norms, such sub-centres cannot be provided with a Pharmacist. The tribal leader also demanded regular visit of doctors to their villages. The villagers were assured of regular visit of