

Department : Tribal Welfare

Scheme No. : 1 (one)

1. Name of the Scheme : Strengthening of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

2. Objective:

The tribal population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as per 1981 Census is 22,361 which includes Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinalese, Nicobarese and Shompens. The major tribal population belongs to Nicobares while the population of primitive tribes is very small. Sectoral development programmes for Nicobarese are formulated and implemented by various departments but periodical review and monitoring of progress of the schemes both at UT level and ITDP level occupies greater importance to ensure the benefits of the programmes accruing to tribals and tribal areas. Besides, effective coordination at the ITDP level is required for implementation of the scheme in the tribal areas.

The feedback of data on implementation of the schemes to the Govt. of India is to be done at Directorate level. Though the population of the primitive tribes is small but their socio-economic development programmes require delicate handling. The programme for the welfare of primitive tribes are also to be monitored by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

During the 7th Plan(1985-90), a Research Cell in the Directorate of Tribal Welfare and an Administrative set up for ITDP at Car-Nicobar were established which are proposed to be continued and strengthened by appointing additional staff for proper monitoring of Tribal Sub-plan programmes at the UT level and at the ITDP level during the 8th Plan 1992-97.

An office building for the ITDP at Car-Nicobar and also staff quarters were proposed to be constructed during the 7th Plan. During the 8th Plan(1992-97), it is proposed to complete spill over works of construction of staff quarters and also construction of a Nicobarese Guest House at South Point, Port Blair.

We propose for evaluation studies of ongoing schemes/projects, under TSP, formulate action project of an applied nature and publication of research work on tribals/ organising seminar and training programmes on the Tribal Development Administration.

We also propose to make provision for purchase of handicrafts of the Nicobares for sale through DW-CRA instead of Cottage Industries Emporium.

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