

Department

: DIRECTORATE OF SHIPPING SERVICES

1. No. & Name of Scheme : (TWO) Improvement of Inter-Island Transportation and sheltered water communication.

2. **Objective** :

In order to facilitate Inter-Island Services undertaken and for easy transportation of Tribal people and materials on Inter-island sector, one 400 passenger-cum- 100 ton cargo vessel and one 300 passenger vessel had been ordered in VIIIth five year plan 1985-90. Out of which one 300 passenger vessel namely MV Dering has been delivered in November 1992 and the same has been put into service. Order for one No.400-pax-cum-100 Ton cargo vessel has been cancelled in July.1993 by the A&N Administration due to slow and unsatisfactory progress by the shipyard. However as per the instance of GOI, New Delhi and the contract has been revived at a cost of Rs.32.19 crs. for completion of balance construction work. A fresh agreement for completion of balance work has been executed in June.1998.

During the 8th Plan period the following vessels have been proposed for acquisition :-

1. 50-60 passenger Motor Launches	-	1 Nos
2. 400T cargo vessel	-	1 No.

		2 Nos.

Out of which order for one No.50-60 pax vessel was placed on M/s Alcock Ashdown in 5/96 and order for construction of One in No.400 Ton cargo vessel has been placed on M/s.Shalimar Works(1980) Ltd., Calcutta in June.1997.

Apart from the above, the following proposals have been included in the IX Plan under this scheme for the welfare of Tribal peoples in Nicobar District.

- i. To charter/purchase of 2nd hand vessel having a capacity to carry 400 passengers.
- ii. To acquire 4 in No. 100 pax motor launches for Nancowry group of Islands for ferry services.
- iii. To acquire 2 in No.75 pax-cum-50 T cargo vessel for Nancowry group of Island for ferry services.
- iv. To acquire 6 in Nos. Motor launches for mooring purpose at Car Nicobar and stevedoring purpose at Chowra, Teresa, Kondul, Pilomillow etc.