

Name of Department : Directorate of Shipping Services

1. Name of Scheme : Improvement to Mainland -Island Transportation.

2. Objective :

This is a continuing Scheme. This scheme was initially included in the VIIth Five Year Plan keeping in view to improve the Mainland-island Transportation, which is the life line of the Islanders. This scheme was based on the report of M/s NATPAC which was conducted in 1987-88 and approved by the IDA its 4th meeting held at New Delhi in July, 1988.

Presently the people of southern group of Islands are feeling acute sense of isolation as there is no direct sailing to the Mainland ports from Campbell Bay. At present all the vessels, on the mainland-Island sector operate from Port Blair and occasionally the vessels is sailing via Car Nicobar. This arrangement is highly unsatisfactory as the passenger from Great Nicobar Islands have to come to Car Nicobar for boarding the vessel to Chennai. This causes serious inconveniences to the people of these Islands in the matter of transportation of man and materials from these Islands to Mainland. As such the scheme envisages for procurement of one additional 500 pax-cum-250T cargo vessel.

An amount of Rs.75.00 crores has been proposed to be included for acquisition of one in No.500 Pax-cum-250MT cargo vessel during the 9th five year plan under this scheme.

3. Physical and Financial Progress for 8th Five Year Tribal Sub Plan (1992-97)

1. Financial

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| a. Approved outlay | b. Expenditure |
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Since this scheme was not included in the 8th Plan, there is no outlay and expenditure.

ii. Physical

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| a) <u>Target</u> | b) <u>Achievement</u> |
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This scheme was not included in the 8th plan.