

6. **Expenditure involved:** At present there are Six Tribal Councils viz. Car Nicobar, Nancowry, Katchal, Kamorta, Teresa, Chowra and Great Nicobar. Under the sector - "Welfare of SC, STs & OBCs" necessary fund is being kept for sanctioning of grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils of Nicobarese for the developmental activities and payment of honorarium, to the office bearers of the Tribal Councils. During the current financial year 2009-10 an amount of Rs. 105.00 lakh has been kept as grant-in-aid for the Tribal Councils. Developmental activities involve like Office building for each Tribal Council, construction of culverts, footpaths, waterways, bridges, maintenance and repair of work, street lights, sewerage rubbish and offensive matters deposited on streets, latrines urinal etc. The Govt. of India has approved the Rules of Grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils.

At present funds are placed the disposal of the Tribal Councils through the DC, Nicobars, for execution of developmental works in the tribal areas.

7. **No. of beneficiaries:** The whole Nicobar District and the Nicobarese settlement in Harminder Bay, Little Andaman except revenue villages in Great Nicobar Island will be benefited. As per 2001 census the population of the Nicobarese is 28653.

States/districts covered: Nicobar District and the Nicobarese villages in Little Andaman and the tribals inhabiting in the tribal reserves at South Andaman District.

Details and progress of scheme if already running: At present there is a scheme namely "Grant-in-aid to Tribal Councils" under Annual Plan, 2009-10. Accordingly grant-in-aid is being provided to the Tribal Councils for the developmental activities in the tribal areas and payment of honorarium to the office bearers of Tribal Councils.