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(c) propagation of family planning;

(d) organising voluntary labour for community works and works for the upliftment of the village;

7. In the sphere of Agriculture, Preservation of Forests and Pasture lands—

(a) planned improvement of agriculture;

(b) securing minimum standards of cultivation in the village with a view to increasing agricultural production;

(c) ensuring conservation of manure resources, preparing compost and sale of manure;

(d) production of improved seeds, the establishing of nurseries of improved seeds and promoting the use of improved seeds;

(e) promoting the use of improved agricultural implements and making such implements easily available;

(f) the promotion of co-operative farming;

(g) crop-protection and crop experiments;

(h) minor irrigation, construction and maintenance of field channels and distribution of water, treatment of drainage lines by dugouts with vegetative drains, loose boulder dams, filter steps and other measures for improving water conservation and preventing soil erosion;

(i) raising, preservation and improvement of village forests, pastures and orchards;

(j) taking steps against harmful animals with a view to protection of crops.

8. In the sphere of Animal Husbandry—

(a) improvement of cattle and cattle breeding;

(b) general care of livestock;

(c) providing and maintaining stud bulls for purposes of cattle breeding;

(d) promotion of dairy farming;

9. In the sphere of Village Industries—

(a) surveying and harnessing tiny and village industrial and other employment potential of the village;

(b) providing necessary raw materials for cottage industries and arts and crafts;

(c) making efforts for the production by the village craftsmen of modern and improved tools for cottage industries and making such tools easily available to them;

(d) encouraging and assisting artisans for training in cottage industries and handicraft;

(e) providing for the organisation, management and development of cottage industries on a co-operative basis.

10. In the sphere of Social Welfare—

(a) regulating the sale and consumption of any intoxicants, as per the policy of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration;

(b) preventing alienation of land in the Village and taking appropriate action to restore any unlawfully alienated land of Scheduled Tribes;