

- (e) establishing voluntary health associations;
- (f) training *gram sevaks* and utilising their services;
- (g) promoting children's activities.

5. In the sphere of Community Development—

- (a) planning for increased employment and production as well as for coordination of village institutions;
- (b) training in self-help and self-sufficiency in the village community on the principles of mutual co-operation;
- (c) utilising the surplus energy, resources and time of the village for benefit of the community;
- (d) providing for the implementation of development programmes entrusted to it by the Administrator.

6. In the sphere of Agriculture and Irrigation—

- (a) planning for agricultural improvement in the Island;
- (b) use of land and water resources and propagation of improved agricultural methods according to the latest research;
- (c) construction and maintenance of irrigation works in the Island;
- (d) reclamation and conservation of agricultural land in the Island;
- (e) maintenance of seed multiplication farms, assisting registered seed producers and distribution of seeds in the Island;
- (f) raising the production of fruits and vegetables;
- (g) conservation of manurial resources, preparing compost, manure, organic manure and mixture and arranging for their easy availability;
- (h) promoting the use of improved agricultural implements and arranging to make them easily available;
- (i) the protection of crops, fruits, trees and plants against disease;
- (j) providing credit and other facilities for irrigation and agricultural development;
- (k) increasing the area of land under irrigation by construction and repair of wells, digging and repairs of private ponds by undertaking minor irrigation works and by supervision of field channels;
- (l) providing for the timely and equitable distribution and full use of water available under irrigation schemes.

7. In the sphere of Animal Husbandry—

- (a) improving cattle breed by introduction of stud bulls;
- (b) by castration of stray bullocks and establishing and maintaining artificial insemination centres;
- (c) introducing improved breeds of cattle, sheep, poultry, etc., giving grants therefor and maintenance of small breeding centres.
- (d) controlling and checking infectious diseases;