

- (b) to improve the skills of artisans;
- (c) to popularize improved implements;
- (d) to ensure the implementation of schemes of Cottage, Village & Small Scale Industries run by the Khadi & Village Industries Board and other All India Associations.

9. In the sphere of Co-operation —

To promote the idea of co-operation in different fields of life and to organise and encourage co-operative institutions in the economic and social fields and especially —

- (a) to establish and promote the development of multipurpose cooperative societies for credit, sale, industry, irrigation and agriculture; and
- (b) promoting saving through thrift, small saving and Insurance schemes.

10. In the sphere of Women's Welfare —

Implementing of schemes for women's and children's welfare and maintaining women's and children's welfare centres, education centres, crafts centres and tailoring centres.

11. In the sphere of Social Welfare —

- (a) implementing schemes of rural housing;
- (b) maintaining decrepit beggars;
- (c) sponsoring voluntary institutions of social welfare and coordinating and assisting their activities;
- (d) propaganda for prohibition and against drug addiction.

12. In the sphere of Relief —

Providing immediate relief in case of floods, fires, epidemics and other natural calamities on a small or large scale.

13. In the sphere of Collection of Statistics —

Collecting and co-ordinating statistics that may be required by the Village Councils and Island Council or by the Administrator.

14. In the sphere of Trusts —

Managing trusts in furtherance of the subject of any programme that may be carried out with the Island Council Fund.

15. In the sphere of Rural Housing —

Development of village sites with the co-operation of the Village population and planning of rural housing.

16. In the sphere of Information —

- (a) community radio listening programmes;
- (b) arranging exhibitions;
- (c) publications.

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