

- (c) establishing a village defence corps;
 - (d) encouraging physical and cultural activities;
 - (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 State Government.
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