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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 co-operative 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 State Government.

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.