

youth clubs, women's club and farmers' associations and encouraging any such institutions if already established;

- (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;