

- (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 methods according to the latest researches;
- (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 producer 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 to arrange for making them easily available;
- (h) promoting, the use of improved agricultural implements and arranging to make them easily available;
- (i) the protection of crops, fruit 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, by castration of stray bullocks and establishment and maintaining artificial insemination centres;
- (b) introducing improved breeds of cattle, sheep poultry etc. giving grants therefor and maintenance of small breeding centres.
- (c) controlling and checking infectious diseases;
- (d) introducing improved grass and cattle feeds and providing for their storage;
- (e) starting and maintaining first aid centres and veterinary dispensaries;