

Of the six tribes Nicobarese is an advanced tribe and it is the largest tribal group and they mostly inhabit in Nicobars District. So taking into account their concentration, an ITDP has been formed in the Nicobar District. Under the ITDP Nicobar an ITDA consisting of DC, Nicobar as Chairman, tribal leaders and head of the line departments as members and Project Officer (ITDP) as Member Secretary has been constituted to co-ordinate of the Tribal Sub Plan Programme. Their welfare activities are looked after under the Tribal Sub Plan.

The Tribal Sub Plan forms a part of UT Plan. There are as many as 24 sectors under which 8% of the UT Plan funds are earmarked for TSP by the respective department viz. Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Forestry & Wild Life, Village & Small Scale Industries, Minor Ports, Shipping, Road Transport, Power, Co-operation, Roads & Bridges Housing, Civil Supplies, Education, Health, Information Publicity, Social Welfare, Empowerment of women & development of children, Civil Aviation, Welfare of SC, STs & OBCs, Science & Technology, Public works, Flood Control and Labour & Employment and Minor Irrigation. For the Annual Tribal Sub-Plan for the year 2012-2013 an outlay of Rs. 18685.15 lakh has been earmarked for the welfare and development of the Tribals. Schemes through Tribal Sub Plan includes:

**Agriculture:**

To improve the economic and living conditions of the tribals in these islands, efforts are being made in development of traditional agriculture activities in tribal areas.

Distribution of all agriculture inputs on 20% cost subsidy and 100% transport subsidy; demonstration of new technologies adopted for the coconut cultivation in farmers field and free distribution of seedling to tribals; providing of copra driers on 25% subsidy; providing financial assistance for construction of Organic manure pits; promotion of apiculture in Car Nicobar by providing bee-hive.

**Animal Husbandry:**

Supply of backyard poultry, reared poultry, duckery, goatary, tri-pigs units alongwith feeds on 50% subsidy.