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the same manner the proposal for grant-in-aid of Rs. 230 lakh as proposed for the year 2005-06 may be cleared subject to ex-post-facto sanction of the GOI.

In this connection it may be noted that we have already sent a proposal to the Joint Secretary, GOI, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for ex-post-facto approval for release of the grant of Rs. 31.22 lakh during the previous financial year (2004-05) to the Tribal Councils - vide this Adm's letter No. 1-804/2004-TW/1071 dated 24 March 05 followed by letter No. 1-804-TW/1097 dated 15 April 05 (a copy of each letter is placed at pages 143-145/c for reference). But we are yet to receive ex-post-facto sanction from the GOI.

In case the proposal for release of grant-in-aid of Rs. 230 lakh for the current financial year is referred to the GOI for prior sanction, it may also linger like the ex-post-facto sanction already referred to them. Consequently, we will not be able to utilize the 67% budget provision under Plan by Dec '05 as per the instructions of the GOI, Ministry of Finance.

Therefore, it is suggested that the proposal for release of an amount of Rs. 230 lakh as grant-in-aid to the Nicobarese Tribal Councils for the current financial year may be cleared by the Finance Department of the Admn. subject to ex-post-facto sanction of the GOI.

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