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- (vi) The developmental works include laying of bridlepaths to connect remote and inaccessible tribal villages to the respective island headquarters/ Jetties. Such works are indispensable and urgently required to be taken-up so that the lifeline to the tribal villages is established for the movement of food-grains, essential commodities and serious patients etc.
- (vii) Such works would not only provide the life-lines but also generate wage employment and enable the tsunami victims to acquire purchasing capacity to obtain food and other essential items;
- (viii) Generation of wage employment has become critically important in the context of the termination of supply of free rations etc. to the tsunami affected people w.e.f. 31.10.2005 as per the advise of the GOI.
- (ix) It is not likely that GOI would sanction grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils within a couple of months if the proposal for the same is sent to them. Consequently this will lead to surrender of considerable plan funds essentially meant for the rehabilitation of tsunami victims.
- (x) The responsibility of utilizing the funds properly and to render accounts is proposed to be assigned to the Deputy Commissioner (N) as it was done last year. He will utilize the fund for implementation of the works suggested by the Tribal Councils.

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Thus it could be seen that there is on ample justification for the release of grant-in-aid to the Tribal Councils in anticipation of ex-post-facto sanction from the GOI. We may emphasize in our letter to the GOI that it is a special case as it involves reconstruction / rehabilitation of the tribals effected by tsunami so that they would consider our proposal favourably.