

H. (ii). AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES (Lakshadweep)

36.	Policy for increasing productivity and income of Coconut growers	MP- Lakshadweep	Coconut is the major agricultural product in the Islands. The implementation of the procurement is not satisfactory. The problems need to be studied in-depth. For this purpose, it is also necessary to appoint a member on the Board of Coconut Development Board exclusively from amongst the coconut growers of each of the UTs. The appointed member can also provide practical inputs in framing the coconut development related policy on a regular basis.	It was decided that Lakshadweep Administration to submit a proposal to the Ministry of Agriculture for including a representative of Lakshadweep in the Coconut Development Board.
37.	Provision of fishing infrastructure	MP- Lakshadweep	The administration is neither equipped nor has the services of experts in the field of fisheries. It is suggested that a) All the islands should be equipped with cold storage facility and also an ice plant to enable export of the catch to the mainland and other countries. b) Expedite launch of Tuna Long liner of 35 meter which has already been approved by the Planning Commission. c) The liner should be supported by a mother vessel with minimum of 100 ton freezer capacity. d) At present the boat subsidy given to fisher man are 25% for the hull of the boat and 30% of the engine. This should be uniformly fixed at 50% for the total cost of the boat. e) Fishing co-operative society should be set up in all the islands to monitor benefits to fisherman community, subsidies, availability of fishing material and procurement f) The society may be encouraged to undertake procurement and marketing of the smoked Tuna (Mas). IDA should sponsor an Island specific expert study for the development of fisheries.	It was explained that subsidies for various items relating to fishing infrastructure have been increased. Planning Commission expressed its concern on the delay in the procurement of Mother Collector Vessel and asked the Lakshadweep Administration to consider the options of procuring a ready built ship with the state of art facilities from the world market.
I. (i). TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)				
38.	Review of the Jarawa Policy	Ministry of Tribal Affairs/A&N Admn/MP-A&NI	Detail note at Annexure -III .	Two opposite sets of views were expressed on the Government's approach towards the Jarawas. The issue of settlers versus original inhabitants, the Government's approach in the case of Onges and Great Andamanies and the question of