

DETAILED PROGRAMME OF SCHEME

1. **NAME OF DEPARTMENT** : Tribal Welfare
2. **NO. & NAME OF SCHEME** : 7 (Seven), Tribal Research & Training Institute

3. **OBJECTIVE / JUSTIFICATION**

The Tribal Research & Training Institute (TR&TI) is proposed to be established in the Union Territory of A&N Islands. This Institute will engage in conducting researches and studies on various aspects relating to the tribes of the islands. These aspects include ethnography, social and economic conditions, evaluation of the development works done and formulation of recommendations for carrying out developmental activities.

The proposed Tribal Research Institute has the following objectives to work on: -

1. To carry out field based research and study on the tribes of A&N Islands viz. Nicobarese, Onges, Great Andamanese, Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens, in order to: -
 - (a) Facilitate their survival and growth. (b) Protect and preserve the tribal culture & heritage. (c) Promote public awareness towards the life and culture of the tribes and also about tribal welfare activities. (d) To help formulate guidelines / policies for the planners, field functionaries, scholars and others in the context of the tribal welfare.

Various development programmes have been implemented among the tribal groups of A & N Islands, but those programmes did not have the desired impact. So the guidelines for designing welfare schemes for the tribals are to be provided by the institute through its research-based studies on various aspects of the tribals socio-economic condition.

There are several facets of problems, which are both tribe specific and area specific, calling for specific solution as per the situation obtaining in specific settings. These facets are to be well illustrated by the proposed TR&TI through its research programmes. The current problems are mainly poaching in tribal area, illegal contact of outsiders with the tribes and some of the tribal practices and beliefs, constituting as barriers in the successful implementation of the welfare schemes.

When the rest of India is bursting with over population, the Great Andamanese, Onges and Shompens are struggling for their survival notwithstanding the administrative efforts for their protection and growth. Therefore factors responsible for tardy progress of welfare and development of the tribals are to be identified and remedial measures to be taken.

Every stage in the socio economic progression of the human race strike a balance of three basic elements viz. organization, natural resources and technology. Each tribal society represents one such stage within its own frame of preference. Any change in any one of the three elements of this configuration leads to a sympathetic change in other two elements. The changes continue till a new state of balance is reached. Thus as technology or population threshold or resource-base of a community undergoes some change, a process of socio-economic change is initiated which in due course could lead even to complete transformation of that community. The process of this social and economic transformation is a universal phenomenon, though the pace of change has been different at different times in different communities. The changes are to undergo a chronological chain of intensive research by the proposed TR&TI for which necessary provision is proposed to be kept during the Annual Plan 2002-2003. As