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**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 4TH - 5TH JUNE 2002 AT MEGAPODE NEST, PORT BLAIR
TO DISCUSS ON 10TH FIVE YEAR PLAN / ANNUAL PLAN 2002-03
AND SECTORAL ALLOTMENT FOR ANNUAL PLAN 2002-03.**

DATE: - 04.06.2002

At the outset, Shri. P.K. Singh, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad welcomed the DPC Members and Officials from Administration and informed that out of the Total Projection for 10th Five Year Plan of Rs. 3653 crores, the Planning Commission has fixed Rs. 2483 Crores only. Similarly, the Planning Branch of Administration has suggested for restricting the Annual Plan 2002-03 outlay to Rs. 410 Crores out of projection of about Rs. 715 Crores. He further said that Shri. Vishal Jolly, Adhyaksh could not attend this meeting due to some un-avoidable reasons and asked excuse for this. He requested Smti. Kumari Raghavan, Up-Adhyaksha to address the members. After address by the Up-Adhyaksha, the Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri. B.P. Ray welcomed the members. Thereafter, the proceeding started. (the list of participants enclosed separately at page No. 11).

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Shri. Bishnu Pada Ray, Hon'ble MP said that there is a fund crisis and plan should be prepared as per fund allotment. DPC suggested following: -

Scheme No. 1:- (a) Construction of community threshing floor is not required. It should be dropped.

(b) Provision of barbed wire and tarpaulin for distribution of farmers not required.

(c) Seed multiplication in forms regarding paddy and veg-farm-wise to be mentioned.

Shri. Salam, Director of Agriculture agreed. Further, the Hon'ble MP advised to give the projection Tehsil-wise, so that, the farmers may be able to know the targets. The Director agreed to make it zone-wise regarding Arecanut and Spices.

Scheme No. 2:- Regarding mango grafts, the progressive farmers in area such as Neil Island etc may be encouraged to prepare grafts with the help of staffs already appointed by department. Similarly in all Islands such good variety mango to be identified and help farmers to make these grafts to be procured by department. Give to farmers Tehsil wise with target annually at subsidies rate.

Scheme No. 3: The Hon'ble MP said that we have asked to enhance the stipend to Rs. 75 for the trainees instead of Rs. 25/-. Shri. Hemachandran, Commn-cum-Secretary (Agriculture) explained the inability to increase. The Hon'ble MP agreed for Rs. 25/-.

Shri. Ramdas Das, Member asked to impart trainings at different islands. The Hon'ble MP requested for Mushroom cultivation and Bee-Keeping. The Director of Agriculture said that it is already incorporated in the new book and kept in scheme No. 2.

Scheme No. 4:- Distribution of Bio-Control Agent. Keep physical target alongwith financial provision.