

Scheme No. 5: The Hon'ble MP informed that the Hon'ble LG has already declared in his Republic Day address to distribute Tractors and Power Tillers to different GPs. Accordingly, provision for 53 Tractors and 134 Power Tillers are kept.

The Commn-cum-Secretary (Agri) has advised to keep the scheme and hire the power tillers from Primary Agriculture Co-op. Societies and informed that there are near about 45 PACS in A & N Islands. Meanwhile, the Hon'ble MP said that the PRIs have made a demand to give it to GPs. Accordingly, the then Hon'ble LG had made the declaration and kept in the plan. The Hon'ble MP advised to make the purchase in 3 years instead of 2 years because of fund problems.

Shri. A R Marudhavanan, Member has said that the position in Pondicherry is different from our islands. But, the Commn-cum-Secretary said that his suggestion is based on Nation Wide Policy and suggested to give to both Panchayats and PACS, by which, competent body can use it properly.

Scheme No. 6: The Hon'ble MP asked to give wide publicity through pamphlets, brochures, posters etc in local language. The Commn-cum-Secretary said it would be incorporated in Scheme No. 3 for publicity. The Hon'ble MP asked to circulate the premium rates on fodder. To which, the Secretary agreed.

Scheme No. 8: Providing of trucks to Panchayats should be kept as 2 Nos per year.

The Secretary told that the Parliamentary Committee has advised for Regulatory Markets Committees, by which, the farmers can able to get remunerative prices. This will help to remove the middlemen.

Shri. A R Marudhavanan, Member said that there is a great difference in mainland and here. Hence, the Panchayats should go for c/o Mandis, which will help the Panchayats to earn revenue.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary has elaborated about the Regulatory Markets and the members agreed. The Hon'ble MP asked to insert the words Regulatory Markets before the c/o cost of Mandis in the plan book. In the 10th Five-Year Plan at Page no. A-26 an amount of Rs. 60 Lakhs has been kept for quarantine; it may be deleted, keeping in view the fund crisis.

Shri. A R Marudhavanan and the MP advised to go for barbed wire fencing in place of concrete compound wall so as to save some money.

Scheme No. 9 : Agreed.

Meanwhile, the Director has requested to provide additional amount to fulfill the certain commitments.

SOIL CONSERVATION

The Hon'ble MP asked to give the details Tehsil-wise and also category wise such as saline effect, soil erosion, gravel deposition and breakup target among the 5 years so that it can be completed within this 10th Five Year Plan.

The Commissioner -cum- Secretary elaborated that the Saline Affected Land has been identified as Highly Affected, Marginally Affected and so on. As per the urgency, it will be dealt.