

Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain said that the figure in regard to Nicobars is not known. Recently, during extension of Airport at Car Nicobar near about 10000 coconut trees were felled. Hence, proper action is to be taken to improve Vegetation in Nicobar Districts.

The Hon'ble MP said that the Tribals should get agreeable percentage of the total of outlay. Hence, a meeting is to be arranged with the DPC Members and Tribal Captains.

Shri. Pradeep Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Plg) said that a separate Tribal Sub-Plan is to be prepared and a meeting can be convened at any time.

Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain, Member elaborated about their difficulties regarding Bank Erosion, Saline Affected etc and requested to control it immediately. He also requested to convene meeting at Nicobar where all captains can participate and make valuable contribution.

Shri. Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Panch) said that during 9th FYP 9.6 % was kept for Nicobars, which has been lessened to 5.2%. Hence, all departments while discussing their plan outlay should say about the quantum of allocation in the Tribal Sub-Plan.

The Commissioner-cum- Secretary (Plg) advised to demarcate the exact percentage of funds to be given to the Tribal, by which, the departments may accordingly plan within the fund allotted.

Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain, Member said that in Nicobars the other crops are also to be developed. They should not be restricted only to Coconut and Arecanut Cultivation only.

Shri. A R Marudhavanan, Member said that Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain has asked for Soil Testing and Cultivation of Vegetables.

Shri. Sanjiv Kumar, Secretary (Panch) said that already Soil Testing has been done by the CARI and the type of plants to be cultivated have already been advised.

MINOR IRRIGATION

The Hon'ble MP said that c/o 40 Nos Bore Wells is given in the plan and asked whether it will be feasible in A & N Islands.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary said that already one has been constructed at Guptapara which is yielding satisfactorily and another one is under construction at Austinabad.

Shri. A R Marudhavanan advised to make study about the Ground Water Availability. Shri. Sher Singh also stressed for the Water Availability Study.