

Scheme No. 3 : Page E-15 item 5 : The Hon'ble MP said that the Physical targets are given but fund provision is not kept. The Director said that the Sea Cucumber has been included in the list of banned item under Wild Life Act.

Scheme No. 4 : Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain, Member said that getting Engineers is not a problem in Nicobar but they are not getting spare parts. Due to which, their boats could not be repaired. Hence, the department should supply such boats/engines for which spare parts are easily available. The Commissioner-cum- Secretary accepted the suggestions.

Shri. Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (Panch) while replying to a query of Shri. A R Marudhavanan said that trawling permission can be given upto 12 Nautical Miles (excluding Tribal areas and Marine National parks and other restricted areas) to the Indian Made Trawlers having Indians as Workers on board.

Shri. Raj Kumar Sharma, Member said that there are more than 100 fishermen at RRO Colony and Nimbutala in Rangat Tehsil but they do not know what facilities and schemes are there for them in the department. Hence, proper publicity is to be given.

Smti. Minoti Biswas, Member said that recently many fishermen were missing while fishing at sea. As such, the families of the missing members are facing difficulties. In such circumstances, some financial assistance is to be given to the families. The Hon'ble MP also requested to keep a scheme in the plan to give immediate assistances of Rs. 25,000/- or 30,000/- to such families. Shri. Hemachandran, Commissioner-cum-Secretary agreed to include the scheme in plan and said that quantum will be as per guideline of government.

Scheme No 5 : The Hon'ble MP suggested to provide reading materials in local languages for the propagation of schemes for the benefit of the fishermen and for the awareness of public.

The Commissioner-cum-secretary said that a provision has been kept for publicity of the schemes in local languages.

The Director has requested the DPC to provide an additional amount of Rs. 25 Lakhs to his Department.

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Allocation of fund as suggested by Planning Branch of Administration (Rs. 95 Lakhs) was agreed.

Shri. Sanjeev Kumar, Secretary (TW) said that Tribal Council is in existence since very long time and the people are elected in a democratic manner and they are getting JGSY, IAY funds. Tribal Council is a democratic institution as PRIs. **Hence, a token provision of Rs. 10 lakhs may be given.** The modalities and procedures were be discussed and finalized with the Tribal Captains because Tribal Council also to be given chance to decide where to spent, how to spent and how much to spent like PRIs and other democratic institutions.