

administration, which is now maintained by DSS. It can be utilized as Hospital ship and in this scheme a token provision of Rs. 5 Lakhs may be kept for this purpose and scheme be included in the 10th Five Year Plan. The Commissioner (Health) agreed for a reduction of 1.5 Crore.

The Hon'ble MP further stressed the need for TB Ward in Katchal. The Director intimated that this is already included in plan.

The MP further stated that scheme for Tele medicines, Specialists from mainland, Test (by flight can be done), Upgradation of records OPD may also be made. He further suggested for making a scheme for MRI, city scan upgradation. He also suggested for continuous training of Doctors and other Para medical staff in mainland. The Commissioner agreed to include in 10th Plan.

Shri. Ebrahim Ali Hussain, Member told that no Doctor is willing to serve at Nicobar District. This matter was discussed with the Minister of Home Affairs during his recent visit to Car Nicobar in presence of the Hon'ble LG. He has asked to look into matter.

The Commn-cum-Secretary (Health) agreed for surrender of Rs. 1.5 Crore. Hence, outlay of plan will be Rs. 1900 Lakhs.

The Hon'ble MP said that Helicopter services are about to start and buying one more Hospital ship for Rs. 10 Crores should be given a rethought, as we are aware of the fact that fund crises is there and it may be postponed by keeping a token provision of 5 lakhs and release Rs. 225 lakhs for saving. We may give money next year.

The Commissioner -cum- Secretary (Health) stated that out of Rs. 2050 lakhs, we cannot spare any amount as we have to meet expenditures for works such as maintaining of infrastructures, which have already been created, we have to meet expenditure for salary components, we have to meet expenditure for OT, Medicines and many other activities related to health sector.

The Hon'ble MP stated that some provision should be kept for upgradation of CT SCAN. Further, added to keep Rs. 13 Crores for MRI testing during the next year.

REVENUE

Shri. Sher Singh and Smti. Minoti Biswas, both Members have asked to stop the conversion of Agriculture land into house sites. Dr. Sarat Chauhan, Deputy Commissioner (A) told that no conversion of Agriculture land has taken place in the last 2 years. Only that land has been converted which has been declared as unfit for Agriculture purposes by Agriculture Department. Further, when the land holding is sub-divided among the family members then they can convert 500 Sq. Mtrs for house sites per family. The DPC agreed to scheme under the sector within allocation as suggested by Planning.