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spent for welfare and development of tribals under Tribal Sub-Plan fund from UT flow of funds. There are some of sectors like h\Health, Education, Housing Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Port & Harbours under which funds are also being spent for the development of the Primitive Tribal Groups.

A separate scheme for providing grant-in-aid to Tribal Council of Nicobars has been drawn up and included under the Xth Five Year Plan and Annual Plan 2002-2003 under "Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs". Necessary draft grant-in-aid rules have been framed and submitted to the Administration.

We may send up the follow up action in the above lines if approved.

A draft report is placed opposite for approval please.

Research Officer (TW)

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Director (TW)

Discussed with the Director (TW) on 16.9.2002. As desired the report in respect of point No. 7 relating to Backward Classes and Tribal Development is revised as under.