

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The DPC agreed to schemes with the allocation suggested by planning.

POLICE & ISLANDS COMMUNICATION

The Inspector General of Police told that the fund allotted to police Dept. is inadequate and he require more funds for police, Islands Communication, Police Housing, Police Transport Building, Police Training School, Battalion and he explained in detail about his requirements and problems. The DPC agreed to all the suggestions of IGP and explained the fund problem. The DPC agreed to 10th Plan proposals and also agreed to funds allotted by the planning. **In addition DPC increased the outlay for Islands communication to Rs. 150 Lakhs and for strengthening of Police department to Rs. 210 Lakhs.** Also DPC agreed to 3 (three) new schemes included in Annual Plan 2002 -03.

One of the Members requested that the vehicles should be provided to different Police Station. The Inspector General of Police remarked that this requirement has been included in the new scheme of strengthening and modernization of District Police.

One of the member requested that in the southern group especially Tillang Chong, western coast of Great Nicobar Islands and Katchal needs increased patrolling by police.

The Inspector General of Police informed that we have introduced the scheme of coastal surveillance for it, in which the required numbers of boats as well as the manpower has been included, further he informed about reopening of the LOP Tillang Chong and the progress about procurement of boats for PMF.

One of the member requested that the telephone facilities for Inter Islands Communication should be provided. The Inspector General of Police agreed to take action in this regard.

The Hon'ble MP raised the matter of creation of a senior post in comparison to the present post of Chief Fire Officer for Andaman and Nicobar Fire Service, since the duties and responsibilities has increased significantly for Fire Service. The present post of Chief Fire Officer, in Andaman and Nicobar Islands was created in the year 1972, which is facing anomaly in pay scale from IVth Pay Commission. This post was then created to supervise 3 Fire Stations in Port Blair having a strength of 71 Fire Service personnel whereas, now supervising 18 Fire Stations, Unit Office, Training Centre, Workshop etc with a strength of 593 Fire Service personnel and 2 Fire Stations and 2 Fire Out Post are being added to the organization in 10th Plan. For the added responsibility this post needs upgradation/creation of a Senior Post to give promotional avenue to Chief Fire Office since the existing post created 30 years ago is an isolated post without any promotional avenue. He suggested that the Police Department has proposed for creation of a post of S.P. (Communication) for Police Radio in a similar manner a suitably designated senior Fire Officer post should be created for giving promotional avenue to Chief Fire Officer.

The Inspector General of Police agreed to take up the matter with Administration once again.

The DPC accepted the proposal.