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May please peruse the notes from para 29/N onwards. It is regarding formulation of Annual Plan in respect of sector- "Welfare of STs, SCs & OBCs" for the year 2003-2004. The Deputy Secretary (Planning) has asked us to submit 50 copies of draft schemes for the circulation among the DPC members.

There are in all 9 schemes with a total outlay of Rs. 105 lakh being implemented by Tribal Welfare department under Annual Plan 2002-2003. All the 9 schemes are proposed to be continued under the Annual Plan 2003-2004. The details of the schemes are given below :-

(Rs. in lakh)

Scheme No.	Name of the scheme	Proposed outlay for Annual Plan (2003-04)
1	2	3
1.	Strengthening of Directorate of Tribal Welfare	39.95
2.	Grant of Additional Scholarship to tribal students	1.10
3.	Grant-in-aid to AAJVS	30.00
4.	Identification of OBCs in respect of A&N Islands	9.05
5.	Establishment of Vocational training (for skills in computer operation & stenography) for tribals	3.00
6.	Establishment of Ashrams at District and Towns level.	20.50
7.	Setting up of TR&TI	2.97
8.	Constr. Of transit tribal hostel at Port Blair	50.03
9.	Grant-in-aid to Tribal Councils in Nicobar District.	9.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>165.70</b>

It is stated that against an outlay of Rs. 105/- lakh approved for the Annual Plan 2002-03, we have proposed an outlay of Rs. 165.70 lakh for the Annual Plan 2003-04. There is an increase of Rs. 60.70 lakh in the outlay towards capital works (buildings).

In this context it is stated that construction of a Transit Tribal Hostel is likely to be undertaken by APWD during the next year as the land has been allotted and handed over to APWD and drawing for the hostel is being prepared by the Senior Architect APWD. So a provision of Rs 50.00 lakh has been proposed for construction of the hostel under scheme No. 8. Similarly we have asked DC, Nicobars to allot land for construction of a Ashram (Guest House) for tribal women at Katchal in consultation with the Tribal Council, Katchal and hand over to APWD. It is expected that APWD will undertake