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**The action taken report on the suggestions of the DPC meeting held on 28.12.01 in respect of each scheme under Sector "Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs" is furnished as under: -**

1. **Scheme No. 1** : Strengthening of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

**Proposed Outlay** : Rs. 221.75 lakh

As suggested the provisions for 6 posts of Extension Officer for Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, 5 post of Data Entry Operators for Tribal Settlements and 1 post of Assistant Project Officer for ITDP, Car Nicobar have been reduced. Similarly, the provisions for purchase of 5 computers and 4 Motor Bikes have also been reduced. However necessary provisions for a post of Accountant and Motor Cycle are retained. Further the provision for meeting expenditure towards streetlights in the tribal area has been enhanced from 10.00 lakh to Rs. 50.00 lakh. Further a lumpsum Rs. 5.00 lakh for the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan period has been included towards survey of the infrastructure facilities in the tribal areas by engaging unemployed tribal youths.

Accordingly, the scheme has been recast and the revised outlay comes to Rs. 178.75 lakh instead of Rs. 221.75 lakh.

2. **Scheme No. 2** Grant of Additional Scholarship to ST Students for prosecuting higher education.

**Proposed Outlay**: Rs. 1.10 lakh

The Scheme was agreed as it is.

3. **Scheme No. 3** which relates to grant-in-aid to AAJVS has been mentioned in the minutes erroneously. In fact the M.P had raised objection to continuance of the following two posts viz. HGC & Statistical Assistant under scheme No. 4 i.e. Survey & Identification of OBCs in A&N Islands with an outlay of Rs. 55.25 lakh for 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. No post of Data Entry Operator is vacant. So the suggestion is examined in the context of the proposal under scheme No. 4. There are two post viz. Statistical Assistant in the scale of Rs. 5000-9000 and HGC in the scale of pay of Rs. 4000-6000 which were created during IXth FYP, but the posts could not filled up due to ban on filling up of vacant posts. As the A&N Commission for OBC is a permanent body constituted as per the of Supreme Court judgment dated 16.11.92 in what is commonly known as Mondal Case, the above two post are necessary to handle the work of this Commission. Therefore the posts are proposed to be continued during the 10<sup>th</sup> FYP.

The proposal under Scheme No. 3 relating to Grant-in-aid with an outlay of Rs. 125 lakh was agreed as it is.