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5. Scheme No. 5: Establishment of Vocational Training Centre at Car Nicobar

Proposed outlay : Rs. 19.70 lakhs

The computer training course has been running in Car Nicobar for 2 years now. It is one year course and is very popular with the tribal youths. Two batches of tribal boys and girls have already completed training course. This is job-oriented course while the vocational education in Computer proposed to be introduced in the schools will be a long-term course. There are job opportunities like clerks, stenographers and Office Assistants etc. for the STs who are computer literate both under public and private sectors. So the tribals boys and girls who had already passed Xth and XIIth standard will prefer to join short term job oriented course running at Car Nicobar. Therefore, the Computer Education at Car Nicobar may be continued. However, it could be reviewed in course of time.

Scheme No. 6 Establishment of Ashram at District and Town Level.

Proposed out lay: 69.00 lakh

The scheme was agreed as it is. However, the Member of Parliament suggested that we could prefer timber structure instead of RCC structure.

Scheme No. 7 Tribal Research & Training Institute at Port Blair.

Proposed outlay: 42.50 lakh

The schemes has been introduced following the decisions taken at the meeting of the Hon'ble Minister for tribal affairs during his visit to this UT and the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, held on 11.11.2000. The scheme has already been approved by the government of India and an amount of Rs. 29.50 lakh has been released during the current financial year under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme. However, as per the norms of the CSS the scheme is to be funded 50:50, that is, 50% by Govt. of India and 50% by UT Administration. Accordingly, the scheme has been recast and a provision of Rs. 21.25 lakh for Xth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) and Rs.5.35 lakh for Annual Plan (2002-2003) has been proposed as matching contribution.

Scheme No. 8 Construction of transit tribal hostel at Port Blair.

Proposed outlay : Rs.28.00 lakh

The scheme was agreed as it is. However, as suggested by the Member of Parliament we are to go for timber structure instead of RCC.