

TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Proposals under sector - "Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs for the Xth Five Year Plan (2002-2003).

There are six Scheduled Tribes viz. Great Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Shompen & Nicobarese. Of the six Scheduled Tribes, the Nicobarese is a progressive tribe while the rest are at primitive stage of development. The Tribal Welfare Department monitors implementation of Tribal Sub-Plan programmes so as to ensure that the benefits of the TSP reach the tribal beneficiaries. So far as primitive tribes are concerned, an autonomous body called - AAJVS has been constituted to look after their welfare. The funds for welfare of Primitive Tribes are provided out of the Plan provision under this sector as well as Special Central Assistance of the Govt. of India. Besides, the Tribal Welfare Department too has been implementing some schemes for the benefits of the tribals over the years. We proposed to implement nine Schemes during the Annual Plan 2002-03. An outlay of Rs. 105 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03. The Scheme-wise break up is as follows:

<i>(Rs. in Lakh)</i>		
S. No.	Name of the schemes	Year-wise Outlay 02-03
1	2	3
1.	Strengthening of Directorate of Tribal Welfare	33.05
2.	Grant of Additional Scholarship to tribal students	1.10
3.	Grant-in-aid to AAJVS	25.00
4.	Identification of OBCs in respect of A & N Islands.	9.70
5.	Establishment of Vocational training (for skills in computer operation & stenography) for tribals.	3.00
6.	Establishment of Ashrams at District and Towns level.	5.50
7.	Tribal Research & Training Institute	5.35
8.	Construction of transit tribal hostel at Port Blair	12.30
9.	Grant-in-aid to Tribal Council	10.00
	Total	105.00

The details of each schemes are as follows:-

1. Strengthening of Directorate of Tribal Welfare:

The following posts viz. Programme Assistant (Computer) -1, HGC-1, Statistical Assistant-1, Daftry-1, Data Entry Operator-1, LGC-3, Peon, PCC-1 and Safaiwala-1 created and filled up during the 8th and 9th Five Year Plans period will be continued in case they are not shifted to Non-Plan side as per the instructions of Govt. of India.

As per the decision taken in the DPC meeting held on 28/12/2000 at Megapode Nest, Port Blair, the Socio-economic survey for ascertaining following resources for fixing targets and priorities of STs developmental programmes is to be conducted through the unemployed tribal youth, for which necessary provision is proposed to be kept for the 10th Five Year Plan: -