

3. Grant-in-aid to AAJVS:

An autonomous body is functioning to look after welfare of the Primitive Tribes viz. the Onges, Great Andamanese, Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompen. It is fully funded out of the budget provision under sector - 'Welfare of Scheduled Castes, STs & OBCs' as well as the fund under Special Central Assistance provided by Govt. of India. We propose to continue this scheme in the Annual Plan 2002-03.

An outlay of Rs. 25 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

4. Identification of OBCs in respect of A & N Islands :

In terms of the Supreme Court Judgment dated 16.11.92 a permanent body, known as 'A & N Islands Commission for OBCs' has been constituted to classify the OBC in respect of A & N Islands since Feb., 1994. As it is a permanent body, which is proposed to be continued during the Annual Plan 2002-03.

An outlay of Rs. 9.70 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

5. Establishment of Vocational Training (for skills in computer operations and stenography for the tribals):

A Vocational Training Centre in computer has been set up at Car Nicobar during the Annual Plan 2002-03. It is one year training course. A computer instructor has been appointed and posted to Car Nicobar to impart training in computer application to the tribal boys and girls. There are at present 19 tribal boys and girls undergoing training in computer application. A stipend of Rs. 300/- is proposed to be paid to each trainee. The necessary proposal has been sent to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs for approval. We propose to strength the VTC by appointing a instructor in stenography and procuring additional computers and its accessories during the Annual Plan 2002-03.

An outlay of Rs. 3.00 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

6. Establishment of Ashram building at District and Town level :

This scheme has been introduced as per the recommendations of the National Commission for Women. The scheme envisages establishment of Ashrams at sub divisional headquarter in Nicobars District to provide guest house accommodation to the tribal women and girls when they visit the sub-divisional headquarters for various works including medical treatment. An estimate for Rs. 17.28 lakh has been sanctioned for construction of an Ashram building at Kamorta. The work is proposed to be taken up during the current financial year and continued during the Annual Plan 2002-03. It was decided in the inter-active sessions between the Senior Officers of the Administration and Tribal representatives and other prominent citizens held on 1st and 2nd Aug., 2001 at Megapode Nest, Port Blair, three more Ashrams one each, at Car Nicobar, Katchal and Campbell may also be established for providing guests house accommodation to the tribal women and girls for the Annual Plan 2002-03. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament suggested in the DPC meeting held on 28/12/2001 at Megapode Nest, Port Blair that the timber structure could be preferred for the Ashram.

An outlay of Rs. 5.50 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.