

7. Tribal Research & Training Institute:

The Tribal Research & Training Institute (TR&TI) is proposed to be established in the Union Territory of A&N Islands. This Institute will engage in conducting researches and studies on various aspects relating to the tribes of the islands. These aspects include ethnography, social and economic conditions, evaluation of the development works done and formulation of recommendations for carrying out developmental activities.

The proposed Tribal Research Institute has the following objectives to work on: - 1. To carry out field based research and study on the tribes of A&N Islands viz. Nicobarese, Onges, Great Andamanese, Jarawas, Sentinelese and Shompens, in order to: -(a) Facilitate their survival and growth. (b) Protect and preserve the tribal culture & heritage. (c) Promote public awareness towards the life and culture of the tribes and also about tribal welfare activities. (d) To help formulate guidelines / policies for the planners, field functionaries, scholars and others in the context of the tribal welfare.

When the rest of India is bursting with over population, the Great Andamanese, Onges and Shompens are struggling for their survival notwithstanding the administrative efforts for their protection and growth. Therefore factors responsible for tardy progress of welfare and development of the tribals are to be identified and remedial measures to be taken.

As per the suggestions of the National Commission for SCs, STs & also the decision taken at the meeting of the Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India and Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands held on 11/11/2001 at Port Blair at TR&TI is proposed to be set up at Port Blair with assistance of Govt. of India in the form of matching grant. The matching grant will be provided by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

An outlay of Rs. 5.35 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.

8. Construction of a transit hostel at Port Blair:

As per the suggestions of National Commission for SCs and STs and also decision taken at the meeting of the Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Affairs, Govt. of India and Lt. Governor, A & N Islands held on 11th Nov., 2001 at Port Blair a tribal hostel is proposed to be set up at Port Blair with assistance of Govt. of India in the form of grant in order to provide guest house accommodation to the tribal candidates when they come over to Port Blair from the Southern Group of Islands to appear for various competitive examinations, to undergo training courses etc. as there is no such facility existing at present. The matching grant will be provided by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs during the Annual Plan 2002-03. The Hon'ble MP suggested in the DPC meeting held on 28/12/2001 at Megapode nest that the timber structure could be preferred for the hostel.

An outlay of Rs. 12.30 lakh is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03.