

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 10th FYP.

An outlay of Rs. 17.20 lakh is proposed for the 10 Five Year Plan.

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 10th Five Year Plan. 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 10th Five Year Plan. 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. 45.00 lakh is proposed for the 10 Five Year Plan.

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