As per the policy of the Govt. of India, the planning process is to begin from the grass root level i.e. PRI's. There are no PRI's formally constituted in the tribal area. The issue was discussed in the DPC meeting held on 4.6.2002 and it was decided that certain funds may be devolved, which would need aspirations of the tribals for undertaking need-based developments by these Tribal Councils which are functioning in a democratic manner.

The Tribal Councils are to be given guidance in formulation of the Schemes by the line departments but overall monitoring will be done by the Tribal Welfare Department. Therefore, it is proposed to appoint and post two Extension Officer and two Data Entry Operator, one each to Tribal Council, Car Nicobar and Tribal Council, Nancowry. Besides, modern equipments like computers is proposed for the Annual Plan 2002-03. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar would be responsible for local monitoring the developmental works and proper utilisation of funds to be provided to the Tribal Councils.

An Outlay of Rs. 50 lakh is proposed for the 10 FYP.

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