

1. Name of Department : Tribal Welfare
2. Scheme No. : 1 (One)
3. Name of the Scheme : Strengthening of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.
4. Outlay for 9th Plan (1999-2000) : 80.00 lakh
5. Proposed outlay for 2000-2001 : Rs. 60.20 lakh

6. Objectives / Justification:

The Tribal population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as per 1991 census is 26770 which includes Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Nicobarese and Shompens. The Major tribal population belongs to Nicobarese while the population of Primitive Tribes is very small. Sectoral development programmes for Nicobarese are formulated and implemented by various departments but periodical review and monitoring of progress of the schemes both at UT level and ITDP level occupies greater importance to ensure the benefits of the programmes according to need of the tribals and tribal areas. Besides, effective co-ordination at the ITDP level is required for implementation of the Schemes in the tribal areas. The feed back of data on implementation of the schemes to the Govt. of India is to be done at the Directorate level.

A Research Cell in the Directorate of Tribal Welfare and an administrative set up for ITDP at Car Nicobar were established, which are proposed to be continued and strengthened by appointing additional staff for proper monitoring of Tribal Sub-Plan programmes at the UT level and at the ITDP level during the Annual Plan 2000-2001. The following posts viz. Statistical Assistant, Programme Assistant-1, LGC-1, Daftry-1, Peon-2, PCC-1, Safaiwala-1 and Data Entry Operator-1 for the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Port Blair and HGC-1, LGC-2 and peon-1 for ITDP, Car-Nicobar created and filled up are proposed to be continued during the year. Further, we propose to create and fill up the following posts viz. Accountant-1 (4500-7000) for proper upkeep of accounts of the Tribal Welfare department.

A Mahindra and Mahindra Jeep having been procured way back in 1989 has been used more than ten years now. It is expected to cover 150000 kms prescribed for condemnation of the vehicle by the March'2000. It being very old often breaks down necessitating repairs. So it is no longer economical to maintain this vehicle. It is, therefore, proposed to condemn the existing jeep and procure a new one in replacement.