

We propose to procure office equipment and furniture for Directorate of Tribal Welfare including ITDP Car Nicobar during the year.

Every year, a tribal couple is being sent to Delhi to participate in the Republic Day Celebration for which necessary provision is proposed to be made under Annual Plan 2000-2001. A vehicle provided to Project Officer, ITDP Car Nicobar has become old. Consequently heavy expenditure is being incurred on its repairing and maintenance. Therefore it is proposed to replace this vehicle by a new one during the year 2000-2001.

The Parliamentary Committee on SCS & STs which visited these Islands 22nd to 24th January⁹⁹ has recommended for conducting a Socio-Economic survey for ascertaining resources for fixing targets and priorities of STs developmental programmes. It is therefore, proposed to conduct a Socio-economic survey of the tribals of this U.T during the year.

We propose to upgrade the existing post of Project Officer ITDP, Car Nicobar to that of Project Director in the scale of pay of Rs. 10,000-15,200/- so that the incumbent could exercise effective control over the Officers of the line depots, posted in tribal areas for implementation of schemes under Tribal Sub-Plan. Besides, a post of Statistical Assistant is proposed to be created for ITDP, Car Nicobar to collect and compile information for formulation, monitoring and evaluation of Tribal Sub-Plan.

Sometime contingency arises that the serious tribal patients are required to be referred to mainland for specialised treatment, which involves heavy expenditure. The economic condition of the tribals is generally poor, so they are not able to afford to meet the expenditure involved in treatment of their family members in the mainland. To meet this eventually, it is proposed to provide some fund towards medical treatment serious tribal patients.

Sometime contingency arises that the tribal candidates are selected for vocational / job training in the mainland particularly by the Shipping Department. The tribal candidates being selected for job training are required to pay fee before joining the training course and also meet expenditure towards their maintenance etc. during the course of training. The economic condition of guardians / parents of the tribal candidates is generally poor, so they cannot afford to meet the expenditure towards vocational / job training of their children. It is, therefore proposed to provide some fund to grant financial assistance to those candidates whose economic condition is poor, so that they are able to undergo such training. This scheme may go a long way to improve the representation of the tribals in services and their economic condition.