

The proposals for Annual Plan 2000-2001 are discussed as under.

**1. Strengthening of Directorate of Tribal Welfare**

(8) The outlay for Annual Plan 1999-2000 is Rs. 28.04 lakhs while we propose an outlay of Rs. 67.20 lakhs for the annual plan 2000-2001. So there is an increase of 239.55 in outlay for 2000-2001. The increase in an outlay is attributable to spillover works of construction of office building of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare / OBCs Commission, inclusion of new items of expenditure viz. financial assistance to the tribals particularly the Nicobarese for expert treatment of serious patients in the mainland, financial assistance towards job / vocational training of the tribal youths in the mainland, furniture for new office building that is likely to be completed by December'2000, organisation of seminar / conferences on tribals.

**2. Grant of Additional scholarship to tribal students**

(9) A provision of Rs. 0.90 lakh existing under the annual plan 1999-2000 is proposed to be retained under the annual plan 2000-2001 too.

**3. Grant-in-Aid to AAJVS**

(10) We have proposed an outlay of Rs. 25.00 lakhs for the annual plan 2000-2001 against a provision of Rs. 12.00 lakhs under the annual plan 1999-2000. There is 208 % increase in the outlay. We had proposed the same outlay as proposed for the annual plan 2000-2001 for the Annual Plan 1999-2000 too, but the provision could not be retained due to over all cut in the outlay of sector - 'Welfare of SCs, STs & OBCs' (An outlay of Rs. 108.00 lakhs was proposed for the annual plan 1999-2000 against which an outlay of Rs. 50.00 lakhs only was allocated by the Planning Department).

**4. Identification of OBCs in respect of A & N Islands**

(11) A provision of Rs. 5.66 lakhs has been made under the annual plan 1999-2000 against which we propose an outlay of Rs. 14.75 lakhs for the annual plan 2000-2001. There is an increase of 260 % in the outlay. The increase in outlay is attributable to appointment of staffs for OBC Commission, honorarium for non-official members, maintenance of two vehicles and survey of OBCs.