

Department : Tribal Welfare
 Sector : Welfare of Scheduled Castes and
 Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes.

Scheme No-1

1. Name of Scheme Strengthening of the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

2. Objective/Justification
for the 8th plan 1992-97

The tribal population of A&N Island as per 1981 census is 22,361 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 deptt. 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 accruing to tribal and tribal areas. Besides, effective co-ordination at the ITDP level is required for implementation of the scheme in the tribal areas.

The feedback of data on implementation of the schemes to the Govt. of India is to be done at Directorate level. Though the population of primitive tribes is small but their socio-economic development programmes require delicate handling. The programme for the Welfare of primitive tribes are also to be monitored by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare.

During the 7th plan(1985-90), a Research Cell in the Directorate of Tribal Welfare and an Administrative setup 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 8th plan(1992-97).

An office building for the ITDP at Car Nicobar and also staff quarters were proposed to be constructed during the 7th plan. We proposed to include provision for spill-over work of construction of 1 No type III and 2 Nos type II quarters for ITDP staff which are not to be completed by the end of the Annual plan(1991-92).

We also propose to make provision for meeting expenditure for evaluation studies of Ongoing schemes/projects under Tribal Sub-plan, formulate action projects of an applied nature and publication of research work on tribals/ organising seminars and training programmes orientation courses on tribal development Administration etc.

We also propose to make provision for purchase of handicrafts of the Nicobarese for sale through the Cottage Industries Emporium at Port Blair.