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Subject: Brief of the Working Group meeting to discuss the proposals of U.T. Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-97) and Annual Plan 1992-93 - Backward Classes Sector.

The U.T. Administration of ANI Islands proposed an amount of Rs.50.90 lakhs for Eighth Plan (1992-97) and Rs.12.00 lakhs for the Annual Plan 1992-93 as against the expenditure of Rs.11.81 lakhs for the Seventh Plan and an outlay of Rs.12.20 lakhs for the Annual Plan 1991-92. The proposals included in the Eighth Plan were discussed in the Working Group.

2. In the proposals, the Administration included all the continuing schemes, however, a new scheme 'Tribal Guest House for Nicobarese P at Port Blair' had been included in the Plan. The representative of the Administration explained that there is need for such a guest house for tribals who came from Nicobar for treatment and other purposes at Port Blair. The hotels and other guest houses are costly and tribals can not afford for the accommodation available there. It was pointed out that layout of the guest house should be such that the common facilities like toilet, bathroom, Common Kitchen should be provided at one place on each floor. Besides, minimum reasonable facilities should be provided so that the maintenance of the guest house could be reduced and the charges from the tribals should also be reasonable which tribal can afford. The scheme was agreed to by the Working Group with an outlay of Rs.20 lakhs for Eighth Five Year Plan and Rs.5 lakhs for the Annual Plan 1992-93.

3. The representative of the Administration pointed out that a new jeep proposed is meant for the project officers which was agreed to. It was pointed out that expenditure on the continuing scheme may be treated as committed expenditure, this was agreed to by the Administration. Under the scheme, 'Grant of additional scholarships to tribal students for higher education', the Working Group felt that there may be some provision for scholarship to tribal students for professional courses as well.