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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE**

Sub : Report of Medical Team on health and nutritional status of Great Andamanese at Strait Island.

Please refer to Note No.F.DHS/PS/SR/98 dated 8.7.98 of DHS enclosing the report of the Medical Team which visited Strait Island on 6th July, 1998. The team has made certain observations and recommendations on the health, etc, of the Andamanese. In this context, the proposed action by the Administration is as under:

<u>Action</u>	<u>By Whom</u>
(i) Deworming	: Authorized Health official.
(ii) Administering iron folic acid tablets	: Authorized Health official.
(iii) Supply of milk powder for the children upto 13 years	: ES, AAJVS

With regard to the problem of alcoholism found in the Andamanese, a concerted effort to de-addict the Andamanese could be tried. In this context, DHS may suggest the measures and methodology of de-addiction.

The Medical team has also found that there is a lack of eligible match in the reproductive age among the Andamanese and as a result, there would be downward trend in the population in the future. The team has suggested for the precautionary measures to be taken in this juncture. The DHS may like to indicate the possible measures in this context so that efforts could be made by the Administration in this direction.

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Copy to the ES / AAJVS for information and necessary action.

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