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Island for a thorough survey of the Great Andamanese and after making the survey, the team submitted the survey report on the Health and Nutritional Profile of the Andamanese Tribe which was submitted to the Secretary (Tribal Welfare), A&N Administration with copy to Health Secretary for implementation of its recommendations

It was found from the record that tuberculosis is no more a crippling problem among the Great Andamanese. There is only one case of tuberculosis patient at present who is undergoing anti TB treatment under the supervision of the District TB Officer attached to the GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair. Periodic checking of the Andamanese tribe is being carried out by the Medical Officer, PHC, Long Island.

Regarding Sexually Transmitted Diseases, the team also collected blood of Andamanese for testing of STD and confirmed that there is no case of STD among the Great Andamanese. However, the team during their survey found that there are cases of nutritional anaemia, respiratory infection, worm infection, protein energy malnutrition apart from skin diseases which are more or less prevalent in the community. Action to treat the above problems has already been initiated as per the recommendation of the team

As regards sanitation, on the recommendation of the team, regular chlorination of water source is made apart from supplying water to each family. Intensive health education about keeping personal and environmental hygiene is also regularly carried out by the staff of the State Health Education Bureau.

On 6.7.1997, another medical team comprising Dr. Alok Sinha, Senior Medical Specialist, Dr. Shafiq Quadir, Deputy Director, Incharge of Tribal Health and Leprosy, Dr. Mishri Lal, Deputy Director (Health Education) along with other para-medical staff visited Strait Island and their report is still awaited. However, the blood report brought by them shows that 7 or 8 Great Andamanese are suffering from moderate degree of anaemia. Their stools have been examined and found that all of them are suffering from ascariasis and the Compounder stationed at Strait Island has already been asked to administer the deworming tablets by himself.

Regarding the outbreak of diarrhoea, during August, 1995, few cases of diarrhoeal disease in Strait Island were reported. On verification, it was found that a total of 11 Andamanese out of 36 suffered from the said disease who happened to be in the jungle area. Of these, 9 were children below 14 years and 2 adults. Of the 9 children, 5 were male and 4 female. Stool samples were collected and 6 cases were confirmed of suffering from Shigella Dysentery. The Medical Officer, Long Island was deputed to Strait Island and action were taken to evacuate all the patients from Strait Island to GB Pant Hospital Port Blair for treatment. Some Andamanese were reluctant to come to Port Blair. So the Director of Tribal Welfare was approached to pursue them to come to Port Blair. Most of the patients recovered except 2 children. These two children one aged 2 years female and one 6 months male child who did not come to Port Blair and reported very late at the Strait Island Dispensary since they were in jungle could not be saved. The outbreak was controlled and except these two children all patients recovered.