

Proceedings of the meeting held in the chamber of Secretary (TW)  
on 10/07/98 at 11.00 a.m. in connection with Tribal Health &  
Nutrition and other developmental work in tribal areas.

The following were present :-

- 1) Superintendent Engineer, APWD  
A & N Administration  
Port Blair
- 2) Director of Health Services  
A & N Administration  
Port Blair
- 3) Director, Tribal Welfare  
A & N Administration  
Port Blair
- 4) Deputy Director  
Anthropological Survey of India  
Port Blair
- 5) Assistant Director, RMRC  
Port Blair.
- 6) Joint Director of Agriculture  
A & N Administration  
Port Blair.
- 7) Executive Secretary,  
AAJVS  
Port Blair.

The Secretary (TW) presided over the meeting.

At the outset, the Secretary (TW) discussed the news item published in the Daily Telegram on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1998 under the caption "**HIGH MORTALITY AMONG ANDAMANES TRIBE DUE TO MALNUTRITION : ICMR STUDY**". The Assistant Director, RMRC informed that the report was based on a study of ICMR during 1995-96 wherein it was pointed out that malnutrition may be responsible for high infant mortality among the Great Andamanese tribe population of which has declined from 3500 in 1858 to 36 in 1995 and the report was sent to only the Science Journal and not to any popular public media.