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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Health Services

To

Port Blair, dated the 19th June, 1998.

The Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Secretariat Complex, Port Blair.

Sub:- Non-availability of Skin Ointment - regarding.

In reference to your letter No.VIII-10/AAJVS/TW/Vol-I/57 dated the 15th June, 1998, I am to inform you that already 500 tubes of Skin ointment has been despatched vide Voucher No.MSD/Shompen/C.Bay/286/98 dated 9.6.1998. Prior to this, medicines including skin ointments were despatched to Shompen Hut Complex vide Issue Voucher No.MSD/PHC/C.Bay/257/98 dated 13.5.98 (copies of issue vouchers enclosed).

In this context, I am to bring to your notice that although two Shompens in critical stage have been admitted in the GB Pant Hospital, none of your officials is visiting them to take any special care. I, therefore, request you to depute two staff to the hospital to look after them round the clock and also provide them necessary clothing, nutritional food, soap and detergents from the AAJVS fund as they are in need of these articles..

This Directorate has already ordered a medical team comprising of Senior Medical Specialist, Deputy Director (Leprosy), Deputy Director (Health Education), Senior Health Educator, and Senior Lab. Technicians to go to Strait Island alongwith AAJVS officials to have a complete survey of the Great Andamanse but you could not arrange a boat till today for the purpose. Some of the Great Andamanse tribe who fell sick recently are very reluctant to come over to Port Blair for treatment despite persistant efforts from Medical Officer, Long Island who is looking after them. The visit of the medical team will definitely help getting treatment to these sick Great Andamanse tribe if boat is arranged early.

(Dr.(Mrs) Namita Ali) Director of Health Services.

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The Secretary (TW), A&N Administration.

Director of Health Services.