

on contract basis by the Directorate of Veterinary Services to work with Smti Ria at the Poultry as well as piggery unit.

6. **Bee- Keeping:-**

It was decided that the Great Andamanese may be encouraged for Bee Keeping as honey is also one of their delicacies but its availability is also very much reduced now a days. Bee keeping shall be promoted on individual family basis, for which Agriculture Department will supply beehives and will also provide initial technical no-how.

7. **Vegetable Cultivation by Great Andamanese:-**

The soil at Strait Island being very fertile, it is proposed to encourage the Great Andamanese to take up vegetable cultivation in their kitchen gardens as one of the self-sustenance measures. The Great Andamanese are consuming everything being consumed by others. As such, they can take up kitchen gardening to cultivate vegetable for them. Agriculture Department shall supply kitchen garden kits and shall also provide initial guidance/nohow for the same.

8. **Brackish Water Prawn/ Pisciculture :-**

The Tsunami occurred on 26/12/2004 has caused a pond like cavity just at the entrance of the old settlement near jetty where there is water stagnation. This may turn out to be a breeding ground for mosquitoes thereby causing malaria. However, there is scope to explore feasibility of brackish water prawn culture/ pisciculture at this spot with suitable improvement to the extent required which will be yet another self-sustenance activity for the Great Andamanese Primitive Tribals. Smti Sheeja, AFDO, stated that the matter will be discussed with the Director of Fisheries for a suitable decision considering the feasibility aspect of the proposed project.