

## 11. Waste Management at PHCs

**Karuna Trust experience in Andaman & Nicobar Islands:** Dr. Sudarshan has been member of AAJVS and also a member of the committee forming the policy for primitive tribes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He has visited straight island twice. Based on his interaction with other committee members, the Trust is proposing the following:

1. Comprehensive Primary Health Care
2. Nutrition Programme
3. Innovative Education

### **Present Status of Great Andamanese:**

Total population: Approx. 42

Region with significant population: Strait Island

Language: Andamenese

Scheduled tribes: Primitive tribes

Present status of Health Care:

1. Pharmacist running health centre
2. Visit by the medical officer is irregular
3. Traditional medicine has not been included in the current system.
4. Most of the services are curative in nature. The preventive and promotive are not given importance.
5. At present there is no rational use of drugs. As the tribal communities are very sensitive and irrational use of banned, bannable & hazardous modern medicines can cause greater harm to their health than improving it. There is no essential drug list or standard treatment guidelines at the clinic to treat the patients.
6. There are no individual case records of the tribal people