followed by other departments where suitably qualified candidates are not available.

D.H.S. has stated that the Group 'C' posts lying vacant in the Directorate of Health Services could not be filled up due to nonavailability of S.T.candidates with requisite technical qualification. Similar is the case in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Andamans District. Five posts of Surveyors are lying vacant due to non-availability of suitable S.T.candidates with technical qualification. The educational qualification required for the post of Surveyor is Matriculation or its equivalent with a diploma certificate of having completed successfully Surveyor training at an approved Institution. We have suitable candidates who would be willing to undergo this training. The situation is similar in other departments also.

All the HODs have also been asked to let the Tribal Welfare Department know when they are circulating the vacancy for any posts reserved for S.T.candidates. We are compiling a list of S.T.candidates with educational/technical qualification and would contact these candidates to apply for the posts as and when advertised if the departments let the Tribal Welfare Department know when these posts are being advertised.

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