

further desired that high priority should be accorded to setting up of water treatment plants in all inhabited islands so that safe drinking water become available to all the islanders. He further desired that a delegation of 10 members as proposed by the Additional Secretary (Home) should visit one of the States to study the manner in which the PRIs are functioning.

#### AGENDA NO.5 Health and Family Welfare Programmes:

##### 5.1 Issues raised

##### 5.1.1 By Shri Ibrahim Ali Hussain:

- There is acute shortage of Doctors and para-medical staff at the District Hospital, Car Nicobar, which is also looking after other islands in the Southern Group of Islands (viz. Katchal, Teressa, Nancowry and Campbell Bay etc). To take care of the shortage of Doctors in the southern group of islands, he suggested that more tribal students should be sent for the MBBS course, who can then be posted in the southern group of islands.

##### 5.2 Clarifications provided by DHS:

- The DHS clarified that Car Nicobar has 8 posts of GDMOs. Three Doctors with PG Diploma are posted at Car Nicobar and training programmes for others will be held there soon.

#### OTHER POINTS RAISED WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

##### 6. Matters relating to Ministry of Home Affairs

##### 6.1 Issues raised by Lt Governor:

- Based on the letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 1984, the A&N Administration has been providing jobs under Group 'C' & 'D' categories to the local inhabitants only. However, this has been challenged in the Courts, where the Hon'ble Courts including the