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Results in some schools are very low. It may be stated that imparting quality education in remote islands of A&N islands is a challenging task in view of the various reasons which include lack of funds, non-availability of land, remoteness of locations, poor connectivity, poor infrastructure, shortage of teachers, long rainy season, shortage of tribal teachers etc.

## Ponit-05 Health - posting of Doctors and other Para medical staff etc In a number of villages, the existing Sub-centres is very very far off:

As per the prescribed norm of GOI a Sub-centre is to be established at every 5<sup>th</sup> Km and a PHC at every 12<sup>th</sup> Km. Presently no Sub-centre is beyond 3Km distance from the other. In the Nicobar Dist, there are villages with population of less than 50. It may perhaps be appropriate to accommodate the tribals in big villages having 2500-5000 population which will be convenient to provide all kind of services at the same place.

This point was also discussed during the visit of Sr. Officers to southern group of islands in April, 2001. The Nicobari tribals are in the habit of living in clusters of 2 to 3 families in a scattered manner where even the diluted norm of GOI can not be adhered to.

## In absence of regular boat services, Doctors don't visit the Sub-centres in the remote islands – Nancowry group of islands, Little Nicobar, Great Nicobar:

AC Nancowry had already been requested to arrange boat which can halt there for at least 4-5 hours, so as to enable the MO of the PHCs/CHCs to return to Nancowry on the same day after attending patients. However, in the absence of sea worthy boats it is not possible for the doctors to visit the Subcentres which are not connected by road.

## Posting of ANM/Pharmacist not adequate in Sub-centres:

All Sub-centres have already been posted with one ANM each as per GOI norm Sub-centres are not entitled for the post of Pharmacist. However, Pharmacists have been posted in some remote Sub-centres as a special case