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**Quarters for staff not adequate. Even in some of the islands there is no quarter :**

Adequate provision for construction of about 330 quarters is made in the 10<sup>th</sup> Plan to provide residential accommodation to staff

**Shortage of quarter is acute :**

Shortage is there but not acute as mentioned

**A number of TB patient (Katchal Island) admitted with general patients. :**

The total No. of TB patient at Katchal is 12 , of which six are sputum positive and 6 are sputum negative.

Number of hospitalized TB patient is only one or two. Once the treatment is started the patient become non-infective ie. patients under treatment will not be able to transmit the disease. A 10 bedded hospital is already under the pipeline out of MPLAD Fund.

**Ambulance /Maruti Van provided not sufficient to cover the islands. :**

No complaint has so far been received regarding the suitability of Maruti Ambulance provided to PHCs for transportation of patients. One Maruti ambulance provided to PHC Katchal is reported to have developed some technical problem and the same will be shifted to Car Nicobar. However, the same will be replaced by a Mahindra type ambulance . Petrol vehicles are being replaced from remote areas due to non-availability of petrol.

**Demand of Family planning, but shortage of Gynaecologist. :**

It is a fact that the department is running short of Specialists including Gynaecologists. Even all the existing 4 CHCs are functioning without the requisite Specialists. As a result, Specialists from GB Pant Hospital have to be deputed to outlying hospitals and CHCs. As regards training of doctors in family planning, 2 doctors of the Nicobar Dist. Dr.Titus and Dr.Grace underwent training in Gynaecology & Obst. at SRMC, Chennai. Other doctors