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(3) Veneral diseases

Almost 50% those tested showed positive tests for VDRL in 1988.

VDRL tests of all the adults were conducted by the Pathologist of GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair during 1988 and again by an expert team from JIPMER, Pondicherry in 1989. None of the Andamanese were found to be VDRL positive.

Anemia

All 50% of Andamanese were anaemic during 1988. Improvement of diet and deworming regular administration of iron tablets necessary.

Anemia has been constant health problem in community as per our findings and those of JIPMER Pondicherry. It is being tackled by providing supplementary diet, iron-folic acid and periodic deworming. As a result the situation has improved considerably.

Communicable diseases

All individuals posted in Strait Island should be screened for detecting communicable disease

All the persons are regularly screened before proceeding to Strait Island including the crew members of M.V. Milala.