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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
Directorate of Health Services

Port Blair, dated the 1st May, 1995.
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To

Shri KK Jindal
Director (Tribal Welfare)
A&N Administration
Port Blair

Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter No.1-450/95-TW dated 24.5.95 regarding the observation of study group I of Parliament Committee on Welfare of SC/STs during its visit to Car Nicobar on 3.2.95. The Committee during the observation has expressed that the medical facilities at Car Nicobar are not sufficient. In this connection, the comments of this Directorate are as under:-

1. Car Nicobar Island with an area of 126.93 sq km has a population of 19,336 as per 1991 census which is mostly Nicobar tribes. The Island has 16 villages with a population of 12,000 per villages. All the villages are along the road side are easily accessible.
2. The Medical facilities in the island is provided through Civil Hospital, Car Nicobar a 100 bedded Hospital and 5 subcentres and one Homoeo Dispensary.
3. The Civil Hospital, Car Nicobar is a 100 bedded Hospital. Five posts of Specialist have been sanctioned for Civil Hospital, Car Nicobar. Of these only the post of Gynaecologist has been filled while the remaining posts of Specialist like Surgical Specialist, Paediatrician, Anaesthetist, Ophthalmologist are lying vacant. As and when these posts are filled by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, they will be posted and specialist care will be improved. At present to provide specialist care MO with PG qualification in surgery and Anaesthesiology have been positioned. Further, specialists like Ortho. Surgeon, Ophthalmologist, Psychiatrist, Medical Specialist, ENT Specialist etc. are visiting Civil Hospital, Car Nicobar monthly from GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair under advance intimation to people so that patient can avail the facility. In the absence of specialist, serious patients requiring immediate specialist intervention are evacuated by IAF helicopter/IAF court.

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