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The A&NI will formulate a scheme for compensating the stretcher patients the amount of airfare paid/payable by him for evacuation from the island, in excess of the airfare for single seat.  Action: A & N Islands Administration	The subsidy scheme for stretcher patients has become operational w.e.f 24.08.2012. The objective of this scheme is as under: Air India charges 6 times basic fare (including onetime tax) for offering 9 seats to the stretcher patient with extra discounted fare charges for each accompanying attendant. Private airlines charge fare for 9 seats. In addition, they charge only taxes for upto 3 accompanying attendants. For Govt. Servants and their dependents, the amount is reimbursable, but others have to bear this expense on their own which is not affordable in case of economically weaker section of society.
	Accordingly, the scheme extends air subsidy to stretcher patients of the general public (excluding Govt servants and their dependents), towards the amount of air fare paid / payable by the patient for evacuation from Port Blair, on referral, in excess of the airfare for single seat. In addition subsidy has also been provided for purchase of bunk class return tickets by ship for patient and the attendant(s) concerned as the case may be.  Wide publicity has been given through local news papers and electronic media. The benefit has been extended to 11 patients under the scheme as on 14.03.2014.  Matter may be treated as closed.

**Revised Agenda Item 3:**Setting up of a Medical College in the A & N Islands.

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Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should consider relaxing extant rules and grant approval to the proposal of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to set up a Medical College. The approval should be granted by the 15th July, 2011  Action: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare	A & N Administration has decided to set up medical college under the scheme for Establishment of New Medical College attached with District/Referral Hospitals of MoHFW. The Administration has conveyed its willingness to MoHFW (06.08.2013) for establishing medical college under the scheme.  A & N Administration has formed Andaman and Nicobar islands Medical Education and Research Society for setting up of medical college.  Expression of Interest (EOI) for appointment of consultant for providing overall guidance for setting up of medical college was invited. 10 applications have been received and applications are under examination.
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