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56. Chief Secretary, A&N Administration pointed out that if it is decided to promote high value tourism sector, then we also need to strengthen our basic amenities such as health. He suggested that we need to take up private-public partnership and strengthen our own local infrastructure; medical colleges etc. and not just depend on the CHS cadre. Deputy Chairman agreed with this suggestion. Member (SH) suggested that indigenous system of Indian medicines can be further strengthened in all the Islands. M.P, A&N Islands, informed that recently A&N Administration had discussed such matters with Minister of Health who talked with the Defence Authorities on a proposal for medical college in A &N Islands on 50: 50 basis by attaching it with the G.B. Pant Hospital.

*(Action: Ministry of Health and A&N Administration)*

57. Chief Secretary suggested that the Forest Department needs to be strengthened, and each island should have its own forest official. Deputy Chairman suggested that strengthening, revival and relocation of posts can be taken up and this matter can be clarified with Finance Secretary for which A &N Administration may prepare a detailed note.

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58. Member (SH) observed that people of the islands need to get a positive feeling. Chief Secretary, indicated that proposals on revival of posts e.g., Augmentation of Marine Police Force, building of houses by local youth is expected to lead to satisfaction among the local people.

59. Principal Adviser mentioned that Administration would have to ensure provision of basic amenities like safe drinking water; sewerage system, electricity etc. alongwith the permanent shelters.

60. The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.