

20 Secretary on 25.09.2012 and a letter from the LG on 10.10.2012, to the Minister. The UT Administration has requested urgent action in this regard as there is an immediate need to post teachers for providing free and compulsory education, especially in the remote southern group of islands.

The MP, A&N pointed out that new posts are being created by removing 464 part time sweepers, ayahs and teachers working since 1986. The LG mentioned that the process is on and teachers and ayahs are being regularized on seniority basis. Priority is being given to accommodate all persons who have served for 10-15 years and who meet the necessary educational requirements for the purpose. The MP, A&N pointed out that it is not possible for those employees who are serving since 1950 to meet the newly prescribed educational requirement and requested for relaxing the educational norms to accommodate these people. The Lt. Governor assured all possible action within the powers of the UT Administration.

[Action to be taken by Ministry of HRD]

Increasing the quota of Seats for MBBS for A & N Island's students

The LG (A&N) pointed out that the matter of reduction of MBBS seats from 18 to 15 was taken up with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, on a year-to-year basis. A request has been made for enhancement of MBBS seats to 40 and BDS seats to 05. The desired action is still awaited in spite of repeated requests made in this regard. He emphasised the need for more MBBS seats till the establishment of the new Medical College in A & N Islands. The MP, Lakshadweep pointed out that in case of Lakshadweep also the seats have been reduced from 13 to 10. The Special Secretary, M/o Health & Family Welfare mentioned that the process of reducing the number of seats in the Central quota for the States which don't have medical colleges is as per Supreme Court order. It applies to all the States and efforts are being made across the board to ensure fair distribution of the seats. M.P., Lakshadweep requested the Planning Commission and IDA to take up the matter regarding medical seats for Lakshadweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, with the Supreme Court requesting for a special dispensation for both UTs as they do not have medical colleges.

[Action to be taken by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare]

Posting of specialists from CHS Non-teaching specialists cadre to A & N Islands on regular basis and reservation of PG seats in Medical Colleges.

According to Lt. Governor (A&N Islands) there is shortage of specialists in the UT of A&N and 38 posts are vacant. There are sanctioned posts of specialists, but specialists are posted only for 3 months. The A&N Islands Administration