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9. **Protein Energy Malnutrition (PEM)** : Hon'ble Member of Parliament has pointed out occurrence of some of the cases of PEM. Director of Health Services explained that the cases of Protein Energy Malnutrition are very less or negligible in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. On the suggestion of Hon'ble Member of Parliament to outsource survey of PEM, the DHS informed that modalities will be worked out and the survey will likely to be completed by June 2013.

ACTION : Secretary (Health)/DHS

10. **Non-Communicable Diseases**: Responding to the concern of Hon'ble Member of Parliament regarding high amount of non-communicable diseases prevailing in Andaman & Nicobar Islands the Director of Health Services informed that the Health department is conducting health camps in various islands at regular intervals, the frequency of which will be increased.

ACTION : Secretary (Health)/DHS

11. **Supply of quality medicines**: The issue regarding supply of quality medicines and economy in purchase, the Director of Health Services informed that the medicines supplied in Andaman & Nicobar Islands are procured 50% from Medical Store Depot and 50% through Global Tenders, which are quality-wise much better compared to all other States and are purchased through competitive bidding. Hon'ble Member of Parliament stated that the purchase cost of medicines compared to Tamil Nadu Medical Corporation (TNMC) is much higher in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Chief Secretary directed the Secretary (Health) to explore the possibilities of procuring quality medicines with utmost economy in the same line of the Tamil Nadu Medical Corporation procures.

ACTION : Secretary (Health)/DHS

12. **Control on Food Adulteration**: Hon'ble Member of Parliament pointed out some of the cases of food adulteration, especially in tea leaf, edible oil, etc. The Director of Health Services informed that the department does not have Food