

5. The National Human Development Report 2001 of the Planning Commission observes that India's approach to health sector development has not been sufficiently integrated with overall process of development. This is reflected in the absence of an adequate policy framework that conceives and exploits inter and intra sectoral synergies, between development processes directed at improving availability of drinking water, sanitation and public hygiene, access to elementary education, nutrition and poverty alleviation <i>on the one hand</i>, with awareness and access to public health and medical services <i>on the other</i>. While this may generally be true, it has a particular bearing for tribal areas.	(Point Nos 6 & 7) Adequate efforts have been made by the Administration to provide necessary health care to the tribals of this territory through one 112 bedded District Hospital, one CHC, 4 PHCs, 31 sub-centers, 4 PHCs, 3 Homeo Disp. In addition to this, a sub-centre with a full time Pharmacist has been established at Strait Island where the Great Andamanese are inhabited. A Medical Officer and 1 ANM from the nearest Island (Long Island) visit the settlement once in a week to examine patients. Patients requiring specialized treatment and investigation are shifted/referred to Port Blair. In the settlement area of Onges viz the Onges settlement Dugong Creek there is one sub-centre under the charge of a full time Medical Officer, Pharmacist and ANM to look after the health problems of Onges. For the benefit of about 18 to 20 Onges who are settled in South Bay of Little Andaman, a Medical Officer from PHC Hut Bay and 1 ANM from Harminder Bay visit the settlement once in a week. Patients suffering from minor ailments are admitted in PHC, Hut Bay and those requiring specialized investigation and treatment are referred to G.B.Pant Hospital, Port Blair.
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