

<p>39. Some observers have remarked that among tribals the empirical result is valued most, irrespective of the system of medicine and the healer. If a tribal finds that modern medicine is efficacious, he takes to it as much as he accepts the tribal system of medicine. If so, it seems there is room among the tribal people for these two and other methods of treatment side by side. What is the experience of the State Government in this regard and what policy do they follow or intend following?</p>	<p>The tribal system of medicine has not yet been studied. However, the modern medicine is allopathic and Indian system of medicines have been accepted by most of the tribals.</p>
<p>40. It is generally believed that on account of unsatisfactory state of Government health services, there is increasing dependence of people on private health care services, often leading to indebtedness. On the other hand, because of escalating costs of health-care, the gaps between what is possible and that required, keep on widening. The State Government might have given some thought to this question. Please state your views.</p>	<p>In A&amp;N Islands, there is no private health care services in the tribal areas. Govt. run health institutions only cater to the needs of the whole tribal population.</p>
<p>41. In order to exploit potential synergies reinforcing health attainments of the people, integration of public interventions in the area of drinking water, sanitation, waste disposal with public health programmes has been called for. Have the State Government drawn up plans in this regard? If not, what are your suggestions?</p>	<p>No. The APWD look after supply of drinking water in the tribal area. There is no agency/organization to take care of sanitation and waste disposal. In fact there is no acute problem of sanitation and waste disposal unlike the non tribal area as the density of population is far less than the non tribal area and the tribals have their own system of waste disposing.</p>
<p><b>Personnel policy</b></p> <p>42. Many of the health institutions in tribal areas do not function properly because of lack of infrastructure, absence of personnel required to man them, general absenteeism of staff, untrained para-medics and other functionaries, lack of incentives compensating for work in difficult and remote tribal areas etc. Please detail the policy and action taken by the State Government to overcome these problems. Reference in this connection is invited to the various measures suggested for personnel policy in tribal areas in the Maheshwar Prasad Committee Report 1978 of the Ministry of Home Affairs.</p>	<p>All the health institutions in tribal areas of these islands function properly with good infrastructure and trained personnel. Incentives can be given to the health personnels working in tribal areas for getting best work out of them.</p>