

Health

6. (a) Please state if the medical facilities available in the tribal areas/ backward areas and trained personnel in the medical dispensaries are adequate. If not what measures have been taken to attract the trained medical personnel? What is the population and area covered by PHC's sub-centres in tribal areas and how does it compare with general area?

Ans : Yes, at present there are 100 sub-centres, 18 PHCs, 4 CHCs and 2 District Hospital in this UT. Of these 33 sub-centres, 4 PHCs, 1 CHC and 1 District Hospital are functioning in the tribal area. The average population covered in the tribal areas by 1 sub-centre is 1200, 1 PHC is 9000 and 1 CHC is 45,000.

- (b) How many SC/ST dominated villages in the State which have no drinking water sources? What are the schemes to provide drinking water in those villages?

Ans. There are Five Villages in Chowra Island and one village in Champion in Nancowry which do not have perennial source of drinking water. Presently these Islands are being fed with drinking water by tapping rain water in Rain Water Harvesting Structures. A desalination plant has also been installed at Chowra Island for augmenting the water supply.

- (c) Any special programmes/Schemes adopted to deal with specific problems of tribals malnutrition, goitre and other ailments.

Ans. The schemes on nutrition, Tuberculosis, Goitre control, Leprosy, Blindness, Aids and Tribal health are already in operation in these Islands.