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5. Whether pockets of SC/ST concentration where the literacy of the SC/ST women is less than 2 percent have been identified? If so, details thereof. Whether the State Govt. have set up educational complexes in these areas with the grants received from the Govt. of India.

Ans : The Shompen Hut Complex in Great Nicobar has been identified as ST concentration area where the literacy of ST women is less than 2%. No educational complex with central grant has been setup. However, one Ashram School constructed out of UT Plan fund is functioning in that area.

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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.