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Sub: Request for a permit to visit the Onge settlements in Little Andaman Island for completion of a Research work began in 1953.

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Dear Sir,

In 1952-54, i.e. in the formative days of the Anthropological studies in Independent India on the Onge tribe, I was an official aid to Dr. Lidio Cipriani, the then Sub-station (now Station) in Charge of the Anthropological survey, Port Blair. We first made an abortive attempt to land at Little Andaman when Mr. N.F. Suntook was the Superintendent of Police. I had contacts with him till 1977 when he was Jt. Secretary to Ministry of Home Affairs residing at his Moti Bag Quarter, shortly after he married so late in life. We, however, made a successful landing in Dugong Creek (courtesy, as he then was, Commander Jal Curtsetji and his crew of INS Investigator) on 24th February, 1953. Apart from the Ranchis, I was the first Indian Official (my leader Dr. Cipriani was an Italian appointed to India on Colombo Plan of exchange of scientists for research), who traversed the Island for the first time from Dugong Creek to Jackson Creek, crossing the *Chongare* and the Double Wells beside the river. I was physically present in Little Andaman with Onge from 24.2.53 to 9.5.53 and had the benefit of publishing an article on the Onge disclosing for the first time in 1957 that the Onge call themselves "Eniregale". Dr. Cipriani later confirmed this in his report in 1959 and posthumous book *The Andaman Islanders* in 1966.

The materials that I had collected in 1952-54 are voluminous. But because of the changes in the Onge habits in these days, I need to update my collection. I am now 75 and with me will die away all the bulk of valuable unpublished materials of historical importance. I met Dr. V.R.Rao, the Director of Anthropological Survey at Calcutta. He immediately came forward to help an old member of his Survey. He would be sending letters to his Port Blair station to extend me necessary local assistance.

I have already got Okayed my Air Tickets for Journey to Port Blair by IC 287 on 8.12.2006 and return by IC 288 on 23.12.06. My tentative tour programme subject to your permission is appended below.

As to my credentials, I state that I retired in 1991 as a Group-A officer of the Ministry of Steel and was immediately engaged in legal affairs. I have been a successful Government Counsel both for the Indian Railways and for the Central Government. My name is also on the CVC New Delhi Panel of "Enquiry Officers" and I had in fact so acted in PSUs of Defence, Textiles and Health & F.P. I am a Member of the High Court Bar Association. at