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This is a letter from the Deputy Director, Tribal Health, A&N Administration, dated 30th October 2008, received on 5th November 2008, stating that a medical team consisting of staff from Ophthalmic cell, Laboratory and family welfare divisions will be visiting Dugong Creek and Strait Island during November 2008 for health check up of the Onges and Great Andamanese. Further, a solar refrigerator will be installed at sub-centre Dugong Creek during the camp. All together 12 to 15 Personnel including Doctors will be visiting the tribal settlement. The Deputy Director (TH) has requested that the medical ship may please be arranged for the team along with the staff of AAJVS to coordinate the team during the month of November 2008.

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Apropos to the above obligation submitted by the Deputy Director (TH), it is to mention that during the recently concluded meeting of the Executive Council, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor had taken a serious note on health coverage of the Primitive Tribal Groups especially the Onges and Great Andamanese and the Medical Officers were directed to have frequent visit to the settlement.

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Whenever, a request is made to this Organization, we make necessary logistic arrangement to send the team to Dugong Creek by Tribal Boat MV Shompen. This vessel is meant only for tribal welfare. The vessel will anchor in the open sea. To disembark the team members and send them to Dugong Creek we need to hire two Engine Dinghies of Onges Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd. which is Rs.1500/- per trip. This expenditure has to be borne by AAJVS. Directorate of Shipping Services raises no charges for the deployment of the vessel MV Shompen.

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Subject to approval, we may send a requisition to Directorate of Shipping Services for deployment of MV Shompen to Dugong Creek from 8th to 10th November 2008 and Strait Island on 15th November 2008. Further, we may request Research Investigator, AAJVS Dugong Creek to hire Engine Dinghies to shift the team to Dugong Creek and back after completion of the tour programme.