

TOUR DIARY

Self accompanied with Accountant AAJVS visited Onges Settlement Dugong Creek from 11th May 2011 to 13th May 2011.

As it was low tide in the afternoon of 11th May, we could not proceed to Dugong Creek, hence, visited the newly constructed 20 bedded ward for the Onges patients at Primary Health Centre Complex, Ramakrishnapur, Little Andaman (16 K.M). The ward and complex have been completed and handed over to AAJVS but it is seen that the same is not used for the purpose for which it has been built. Goats and dogs have made the verandah of the ward as resting place. 10 to 15 old iron cots were seen inside the ward. Dr. Pronob Kumar Sircar, Research Investigator AAJVS informed that a family planning camp was organized in the Onge ward and the iron cots were not shifted after the camp.

Despite having a full-fledged ward, an Onge patient Smti. Shanti was admitted in the general ward with her husband and one child as attendant. The Onges ward have been constructed purely to provide isolated treatment to the tribe and to avoid any kind of outside contact. We may take up the issue with Directorate of Health Services to utilize the Onges wards and admit Onges patients in the Onges ward only.

Left Hut bay at 0830 hrs and proceeded to Dugong Creek at 0830 hrs on 12th May 2011. Reached Dugong Creek at around 1115 hrs. The following Government employees were present at Strait island during the visit:-

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| a) Teacher | - 2 |
| b) Police Radio Officials | - 2 |
| c) Police Personnel | - 2 |
| d) Marine Police | - 2 |
| e) Health Worker | - 1 |
| f) APWD | - 2 |
| g) Power house operator | - 1 |
| h) OMPCS staff | - 2 |