

12 This note is regarding visit of Executive Secretary, AAJVS to Onge Settlement Dugong Creek.

13 Executive Secretary proposes to visit Dugong Creek from 26th September 2007 (Wednesday) to 28th September 2007 (Friday) for inspection of the settlement and also review the developmental activities being implemented for the welfare of the Onges. Executive Secretary, AAJVS may also meet the Executive Engineer, MID, Hut Bay, Assistant Engineer, Electricity department and the Spices Development Officer to review the ongoing developmental activities at Dugong Creek.

14 If, Executive Secretary proceeds by regular ferry, sufficient time would not be available for the above said purposes.

15 As such it is proposed that Executive Secretary may avail the services of helicopter, which leaves Port Blair on Wednesdays by 0715 hrs and reaches Hut Bay by 0735 hrs. Similarly on Fridays, the Helicopter leaves Hut Bay at 0825 hrs and reaches Port Blair at 0900 hrs. An advance amount of Rs.2000/- is proposed for drawl for procurement of helicopter tickets.

16 It is worthwhile to note here that for the last 10 years no Executive Secretary except for Shri. Som Naidu and Shri. Govind Ram has ever visited Strait Island of his own and night halted there. Whosoever has visited has only accompanied Senior Officers or Parliamentary Committees / VVIP's.