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To,

The Director
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PORT BLAIR.

Sub:- Report - Onge Settlement.

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Ref:- Letter No. DHS/PS/E/98/155 dated 6-4-98 issued by the office of the Director of Health Services (copy enclosed).

Sir,

I write to state that with the above reference, I have been working at Onge Settlement Dugong Creek, Little Andaman.

At first, I should say that onges are friendly approachable and co-operative to certain extent. With the co-operation I could get from the ANM posted and from the pharmacist on duty-cum-tour I could treat in their huts managable diseases and treat those cases of serious nature by admitting on the ward attached to the Sub Centre Dugong Creek. Their children group really require close watch and monitor regarding onset of fever, loose motion and respiratory tract infection. Because of nutritional disorder especially malnutrition and PCM (Protein calorie malnutrition) from among children they are anaemic and prone for repeated attacks of infection kindly refer my signals addressed to DHS and Executive Secretary AAJVS, Port Blair in this regard. Infact they are to be attended by the specialists for expert opinion to be formed to improve the nutritional status. However, I had instructed the social worker of Onge settlement several times to arrange for jaggery ground nut seeds green gram dal which are of low cost. So far they have not been arranged.

Personal Hygienes of almost all onges are poor. Surroundings and also inside of their living huts are dirty with smell of faecal matter and of waste items. Minimum two to three dogs are seen living in every hut. These dogs eat from the same utensils used by the Onges to cook their food and they defaecate in close places of their living huts.

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