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Plenty of fishes are available in sea water. However fishing is not regular because of want of fishing net as demanded by some Onges. Male adults go to jungles to hunt Pig, tortoise and crabs; only occasionally they are successful in getting them and vegetables due to non availability in the Settlement are not consumed. They consume coconut almost every day. They apply mud obtained from Forest over body, face and extremities as a protective agent.

Taking into view all aspects mentioned above constant involvement of the Social Worker Onge settlement is utmost important. As there has been no direct control and supervision on the Social Worker he has been taking un-due advantages like frequent movements to Hut-Bay with some pretext of carrying out welfare activities of the tribals, stationing engine dhongi belonging to OMPCS to his place of suitability. On the contrary he has been supervising duties and activities of other Government Servant and an Officer working for Onge tribals and complain to the superiors by signals if he/she is not favourable to him. He rarely consults an Officer posted for Tribal Welfare activities and other issues. During his stay at Dugong Creek he would be busy at his Govt. Quarters with his Sub-Ordinates staff of AAJJVS gathering information about other Govt. Staff working there and keep himself busy with other paper works as such the sub-ordinates staff are also co-operating with him the maximum extent in his dealings.

Even after the extension of services of daily rated chowkidar by your good office he is not catering an officer staying in Guest House for basic needs. Since Doctor's quarter is being repaired I have to stay in the Guest House as such it should have been the basic responsibility of the Social Worker to look after the officer during his stay in Onge Settlement.

Because of deliberate activities and lack of co-operation of a Social Worker posted there and also because of his occasional involvement with the tribals an officer like me has been facing hardship to involve him in the local manageable situations.

It is learnt from the Medical Staff working there that in the past also it was his practice to ill-treat the Medical Officer who ever was on duty.

I strongly suggest that the Social Worker attached the Onge Settlement should be strictly warned or an alternative arrangements may be made from your end to get maximum co-operation from the Social Worker for smooth and effective function by the Govt. Servant and Officer to carry out welfare activities of the tribal concerned.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully,

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Dated: 11-9-98.

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