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May please peruse notes from para 94 onwards. It is regarding supply of additional food items to Onges as suggested by the Medical Officer, Dugong Creek. The Medical Officer who had suggested the above has come to Port Blair and has informed me over the Telephone on 5/9/98 that some of the Onges particularly the children are anemic who require urgent attention. As per the Doctors advise, if the children are not given nutritious iron rich food items, they may develop serious complications which may lead even to loss of life.

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It may not be advisable to ignore the advise of the Medical Officer who suggested supply of additional food items after examining the patients. At the same time the opinion of the Medical Officer may have to be vetted by experts as well, keeping in view of the observations recorded at para 130 on page-98/C. Though, it was decided more than a month back that RMRC shall submit their final recommendations with regard to nutritional status and the measures to improve the same among the Primitive Tribes, nothing is hard so far from them.

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Therefore, to prevent the delay in the matter Secretary (TW) may like to call a meeting of DHS, RMRC, incharge Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair and others to take a decision with regard to supply of additional food items to Onges as advised by the Medical Officer.

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Secretary (TW) may like to indicate convenient date and time of the meeting.

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Let us discuss  
this issue on 10/9/98  
at 11 AM. Nutrition Officer,  
of Govt. Park may also  
be invited.

Secretary(TW)

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Director(TW)

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The meeting was convened on 10.9.98 at 11 AM. The DHS, Representative of ICMR, and Agriculture Department, ASI Director (TW), ES, AAJSV attended the meeting in the Chamber of Secretary(TW)