1) A meeting was held in the chamber of Executive Secretary, AAJVS on 09/09/2014 at 1130 hrs to review the demand made by chief of Onges before the Chief Secretary for increase the quantity of edible oil.

2) The meeting was attended by the following:-

a) Dr. M. Sasi Kumar, Head of office, Anthropological Surv India, Port Blair

b) Dr. H.M. Siddaraju, Deputy Director (TH), A & N Administration, Port Blair

c) Shri. R.A. Doharey, Executive Secretary, AAJVS

Special invitee:-

- 3) Shri. S.A. Awaradi, Director-consultant, Andaman & Nicobar Tribal Research and Training Institute, Port Blair
- 4) Executive Secretary, AAJVS welcomed all the member for the meeting and briefed that during the visit of Chief Secretary to Dugong Creek on 20/04/2013, the Chief Onges made several demands. One of the demands raised was revision of supply of edible oil from the present scale of 0750 gms. per adult per month to 1 Kg per adult per month.
- 5) Dr. H.M. Siddaraju, Deputy Director (TH), informed that he visited Dugong Creek for providing medical coverage as well for health survey of the Onges. He found that 43% of the adolescent are obese and overweight. 86% of the pre-school going children are suffering from malnutrition.
- 6) One of the prime reasons for the obesity is excess intake of fat in the form of animal meat, milk, coconut oil / coconut milk and dalda (vanaspathi ghee) supplied by AAJVS. He suggested to stop supply of dalda. Dalda contains saturated fat very fatal for human life. The actual requirement of oil is 15 to 20 gms per adult per day and recommended for supply of ground nut oil as it contains PUFA / MUFA.