- 7) Dr. H.M. Siddaraju further added that during his visit, he observed that Onges women were cooking dishes with coconut milk as the stock of pulses exhausted.
- 8) Shri. S.A. Awaradi, Director ANTRI, said distribution of free ration articles to the Onges is done by the Tribal Welfare Officer and there is no committee to monitor the distribution.
- 9) Shri. R.A. Doharey, Executive Secretary said that there are three agencies involved in supply of food articles to the Onges viz.. AAJVS free ration, Education department- mid day meals and Social Welfare department Anganwadi centre. Therefore, sufficient quantity of food is served to the Onges by these agencies. But a test check is required to monitor the accountability and sincerity of distribution.
- 10) Dr. H.M. Siddaraju added that the pregnant mother should be provided supplementary diet immediately on detection of the pregnancy
- 11) Dr. H.M. Siddaraju informed that the health department is operating the sub-centre from a residential accommodation. The structure does not have provisions / facilities for running a medical sub-centre. He requested for construction of a medical sub-centre building at Dugong Creek
- 12) After detailed discussion and deliberations, the following recommendations were made by the committee:-
- a) The present scale of distribution of edible oil may be enhanced from 0750 gms per adult per month to 1 Kg per adult per month.
- b) The supply of dalda (Vanaspathi ghee) may be stoped. There is no need to supply additional oil in lieu of the curtailment of dalda.
- c) A committee comprising of officials from AAJVS, Health (ANM), Education department (teacher in-charge) may be constituted. Free ration may be distributed to the Onges through this committee. This may curtail exploitation.
- d) Free ration articles may compulsorily be distributed on fortnightly basis to avoid shortage of ration during end of the month.
- e) The free ration supplied to the Onges may not meet daily requirement of minerals and vitamins. The committee recommended arranging leafy vegetable and fruits to the Onges. The Agriculture Department may be asked to raise vegetable / fruit garden, Plants like lemon, papaya, guava, pine apple,