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**ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL WELFARE**

Sub: Supply of additional quantity of rice to Onges.

The Onge Chief, Shri Tambole, has requested to provide additional quantity of rice to the Onges during my visit to Little Andaman on 22nd & 23rd July, 1998.

At present, the Onges Multipurpose Cooperative Society (OMPCS) draw ration articles that is rice at the rate of 5 Kg per head from Civil Supplies Godown at Hut Bay and the same is supplied to the Onges. 5 Kgs rice presently supplied to the Onges is said to be inadequate. The OMPCS raises bills against the AAJVS and AAJVS re-imburses the bills under its existing scheme of 'Supply of free ration' to Onges.

The matter was discussed with the Director of Civil Supplies. Under the Public Distribution System, every adult member in Andaman & Nicobar Islands gets 6 Kgs of rice. It is learned that special permit can be issued by the Administration / Directorate of Civil Supplies for the increased quantity of rice as a special consideration in certain cases.

The case of request of Onges could be considered as special and accordingly special permit could be issued for additional quantity of rice per head by the Directorate of Civil Supplies at the rate of 10 Kg per adult and 5 Kg per child. The total population of Onge is 104. The total number of adults and children of Onges shall be furnished by the Social Worker, Dugong Creek and Plantation Incharge, South Bay Onge Settlement, to the Officer Incharge, Civil Supplies Godown (Tehsildar, Little Andaman) following the issue of suitable instructions from the Director of Civil Supplies in the matter.