

Refer: Observations of Secretary (TW) at para38 to 40/N pl.

This is regarding supply of free ration to the Onges for the months of 11/2005 to 7/2006 vis-à-vis excess quantity supplied against the prescribed scale of distribution. The observations of Secretary (TW) is elucidated as under please:-

1. No, the Social Worker did not seek any permission for excess supply
2. No, there was no demand for such higher scale
3. No, there is no demand from Onges at any stage even prior to July 2006 or after July 2006
4. There is a Sub-committee constituted by General Body of AAJVS who reviews and recommend all the issues relating to supply of free ration. In terms of the approval of Vice-Chairman, AAJVS (Chief Secretary), a meeting has been called on 2/1/2007 to consider the request to Great Andamanese for increase supply of cooking oil. But there is no demand for Onges. Onges practice age old hunting and gathering and fishing which includes boars, turtle, Dugong, fish and other items. Therefore it seems that there is no starvation among the Onges. But since we are not experts and the same is beyond our jurisdiction to study the same, we can request Anthropological Survey of India / Zoological Survey of India / Botanical Survey of India for a study on availability of food for the Onges
5. Yes, the above committee is to meet on 2/1/2006 and may discuss all the issues during the above date please.
6. A decision needs to be taken at higher level for deduction of Rs.30,952.37, from his salary.

The total expenditure sanction for the pending bills comes to Rs.3,53,599/- as detailed below:-

SN	BILL NO & DATE	AMOUNT	PAYABLE TO
1	002279/02.07.06	33,737.00	
2	002281/04.07.06	34,595.00	
3	002247/21.11.05	45,123.00	
4	00246/17.11.05	13,702.00	
5	002268/6.3.06	40,828.00	
6	002270/10.4.06	40,998.00	
7	002267/6.3.06	13,702.00	
8	002263/10.2.06	43,900.00	
9	002255/6.1.06	46,256.00	
10	002269/10.4.06	13,354.00	
11	002254/6.1.06	13,702.00	
12	002262/10.2.06	13,702.00	
	Total	3,53,599.00	OMPCS ltd.