

The Anthropological Survey of India are the premier organisation in the country to study the tribes and are to study the Onges also. They have a Regional Office in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. A thorough scientific study on the Onges by Anthropological Survey of India would enable proper understanding of the store house of knowledge of Onges and also help to preserve the same in future. In fact, the Anthropological Survey of India is studying the society, culture and biology of the Onges through different research projects continuously.

27. That with reference to para 37, the same are admitted to the extent that the Onges use the plant named "Tonjoghe" while collecting honey. Rest of the paras are denied. I say that the medicinal value of the plants are not yet established. A thorough scientific study by Anthropological Survey of India followed by other specialised institutions would enable proper understanding of the store house of knowledge of Onges including the medicinal values of certain plants used by them and help to preserve the same in future.

28. That with reference to statements made in para 38 and 39 the same are denied. I say that as stated earlier the timber harvesting carried out by the respondent Corporation in the