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the lower jaws of the wild pigs kept in their houses as trophies. Onges are good archers. They use bows and arrows to shoot the fish swimming in the sea / creek water. They build excellent sea worthy small canoe known in their language as Dangey. They are not the nomads now as contrast to other primitive tribes like Jarawas / Sentinels. Free ration is given to the Onges to supplement their usual food which includes pork, fish, turtle, honey tubers etc. Onges are not just restricted to the settlements at Dugong Creek and South Bay as erroneously stated by the petitioners in the above paras. They enjoy all traditional rights over an extensive area of around 500 Sq.km of forests in Little Andaman Island which is declared as the Tribal Reserve.

I further say that the Onges have occupied the houses built by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The coconut plantation raised by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration is in fact maintained by the Onges themselves and they have not been converted as wage earners/labourers as apprehended by the petitioners. In fact the yield of plantation is collected by the Onges themselves and they deposit such collection with Onge Multipurpose Co-operative Society which is managed