

activities as also developmental works being undertaken outside the tribal reserve.

41. That with reference to statements made in para 59, the same are denied. I say that the general policy of the Administration is to pursue the gradual and steady approach of tribal welfare through the process of integration and not to impose any thing unwanted or undesirable on the tribals. No commercial exploitation of forest & mineral resources is carried out in the tribal reserve area as alleged by the writ petitioners.
42. That with reference to statements made in para 60 the same are denied. I say that the Administration provides rice, cereals, sugar, oil etc. free to the Onges with a view to supplement their traditional diet and to enhance their nutritional status. Onges do go for hunting, gathering and fishing by which they get wild pigs, turtles, fruits and roots.
43. That with reference to statements made in para 61 the same are denied. I say that the Administration is giving top priority to Health sector particularly of Primitive Tribes. In order to provide medical coverage one medical officer, one Pharmacist and one ANM are posted at Dugong Creek. In addition to this one Ward Attendant who is well conversant with the Onge