

to 1593 Ha. under the project sanctioned by Government of India in 1979. After 1986, the Corporation has neither undertaken plantation of any exotic species nor extended Red Oil Palm plantation in Little Andaman. They also do not have any such plans for further extension of Red Oil Palm plantation,

47. That with reference to statements made in para 65 the same are denied save and except that are matters of record.

48. That with reference to statements made in para 66, the same are denied. I however, reserve my right to make proper submission at the time of my hearing if considered necessary.

49. That with reference to statements made in para 67(i) to (iii) the same are denied. I say that the suggestions as specified therein are based on misconceptions in as much as the writ petitioners have sought to equate the friendly Onge tribe with the hostile Jarawa tribe. There are several distinguishing factors between the said two tribes. The Onge tribe today is in comparison with certain other indigenous tribes, a settled tribe. The word "settled" here is seen in a wider connotation of term. However, they have not in any way forsaken their traditional practices as hunters and gatherers. The Onge both at Dugong Creek and South Bay continue to