

lotage in, they hunt turtles and fish, and are very comfortable at sea. They design their own boats known as Dangay, they hunt pigs in the forests and are excellent archers. Their "settled" role is relevant to their way of life and residence in the Dugong Creek and the South Bay settlement.

I further say that in so far as their gradual integration, as sharply distinguished from assimilation, is concerned, the doors of education have been opened to Onge children at the Dugong Creek settlement where a primary school has been established by the Administration in which there are presently 6 Onges students and two primary School Teachers of the Directorate of Education. A primer on the Onge language has also been developed to facilitate education of Onges and communication with them.

It is another far fetched presumption to look at the Onges as being completely primitive. They are found wearing modern clothes and in fact many of them have indicated preference for pucca houses as against wooden structure of buildings. Even in respect of their food habits, the Onges have been also readily receiving rations according to the prescribed scales from the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti. This is intended