

primitive tribes like the Onges. This includes stopping of unauthorised extraction of forest resources available in their reserve areas. There is absolutely no commercial exploitation of forest resources from the tribal reserve which extends over an area of around 500 Sq.km(50,000 hect) and is considered adequate for the existing population of Onges. It is only outside the tribal reserve area that the respondent Corporation is engaged in scientific management and development of the forest resources and that only a marginal area, again outside the tribal reserve, is under the revenue authorities. I further say that as already stated earlier, no forest activities or timber extraction are being carried out in the tribal reserve and as such the question of stoppage of timber extraction in the area does not arise

59. That with reference to statements made in para 79 no reply as such is needed. I further reserve my right for making proper submissions at the time of hearing.

60. That with reference to statements made in para 80 the same are denied and disputed. I say that the death of two Onges namely-Intogagae and Prakash was accidental which occurred on 19th February 1999, when the Onges went for turtle hunting in the sea near Pather Creek.