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periphery of the modern economy and will only gradually get used to it.

14. The Chairman informed that the Deputy Chief Engineer in Hut Bay has been working on the type of houses which should be provided to the Onges. They should not be too hot and stuffy. Care is being taken that the local materials are used and the tribal is not dependent indefinitely on outside agency for its up-keep. One view was that they should be helped to build larger huts of their traditional style but the Chairman observed that they are more inclined to have the houses of the type which they have seen in Hut Bay. Some of them have been living in the empty Government houses. Some of the Onges have even demanded that they should have separate kitchens and separate bathrooms. The consensus was that a cautious approach may be adopted in designing the houses on the lines as has been indicated by the Chairman, who observed that 9) years of family contact has left the Onges less primitive than we think.

15. In pursuance of the decision taken in the last meeting for providing a medical unit for Onges, the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti has proposed establishment of a 5 bedded unit at Dugong Creek. The proposals make a provision for a paediatrician, a gynaecologist and other supporting staff including a laboratory technician. The question of medical team was discussed in context of the total administrative support necessary for taking up the developmental activity for Onges in the Little Andamans. One view was that, in their case, the approach should be to organise a multi-disciplinary team comprising a social worker, a doctor, an anthropologist and not more than two others. It will not be necessary to work out a clear functional distribution amongst the numbers of this team because according to any functional distribution the complement of personnel required for taking up the various social services and developmental programmes will be very large. Even if the entire Onge community were to be settled at one place the total number of families will be about 20. This group will be overwhelmed by the administrative team if it is organised on functional pattern. Prof. Vidyarthi expressed his apprehension that they may experience a cultural shock. They may just be reduced to the sub-stratum of the new society. In any functional approach it will not be possible to cover the entire socio-economic system adequately by use the level of specialisation is now much too high and each speciality cover only a very small area. Each number of the composite team should share the total task. Otherwise the task of individual member may be too little and quite uninteresting. A doctor may also be a teacher, the sociologist may also serve as a dresser. The success of the programme will depend on the quality of the personnel.