

- i) Houses
- ii) Safe drinking waters
- iii) Electricity
- iv) Medical Coverage
- v) Coconut Plantation
- vi) Free ration articles as supplementary diet
- vii) Primary School with teaching aids including primers developed by CIIL Mysore.

There is a Medical sub-centre with the required staff to provide continuous regular health coverage. A team of medical experts from the G.B. Pant Hospital visits the Onges to have thorough health survey check ups with a view to extend all possible medical aid for the survival and the growth of the Onge population. The last such visit was made by the team during August, 1999. There are power houses one each at Dugong Creek Onge Settlement and South Bay Onge settlement to provide electricity.

An autonomous organisation known as Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor, A&N Islands looks after the welfare of the Onges. Free ration articles are provided to the Onges to supplement their nutrition. Apart from this, coconut plantation have been raised for the benefit of Onges. Onges not only use coconut in their food but also they benefit out of the sale proceeds of the nuts.

Notwithstanding the above changes in their living conditions, Onge go for their traditional activities like hunting, food gathering and fishing in the vast forest area and the sea around the little Andaman Island. A Primary School is functioning at the Dugong Creek Onge Settlement with 2 teachers to impart basic education among the Onges. To facilitate this, the Administration had requested the Central Institute of Indian Language (CIIL) to prepare primers in the Onge Language which has since been done by them. Due to the efforts of the Administration, some of the Onges are educated, though so far the highest educated Onge has studied up to the Vth standard only.

Some of the Onges have got employment in Govt. Departments like Shipping etc. and in other Establishment. Onges have their own Co-operative Society known as Onge Multipurpose Co-operative