

Para 23: This is not the fact that Onges were forced to live in small sheds in one area only. Onges have been rehabilitated by the Administration at two places in Little Andaman Island viz. Dugong Creek and South Bay. The purpose of this settlement was to provide necessary medical care and food to the Onges. To facilitate the welfare measures among the Onges, a jetty was constructed at Dugong Creek.

Para 24: The Purpose and intention of A&N Administration has been to undertake the developmental measures to help the Onges. It is for the welfare of the Onges that the Administration undertakes developmental programmes among under the Onges.

Para 25: To provide necessary medical care for the Onges the Administration has established a medical sub centre at Dugong Creek with a Medical Officer posted there. Similarly the medical coverage is extended to the Onges of South Bay. Directorate of Health Services undertakes required measures for the health of the Onges.

Para 29: An area of approximately 500 Sq.km. out of total area of 731.5 Sq.kms has been declared as tribal reserved in Little Andaman for the use of Onges. The Onges are being encouraged to go for foraging activities. Their traditional activity at hunting, gathering and fishing would keep them healthy active and they may find in them the purpose in their life. Coconut plantation has been raised in the Onge settlement areas so that they need not depend on the welfare those for ever.

Para 36: The statement of Shri Tambolai Onge, is a matter of records.

Para 39 & 40: In pursuance of the order of the High Court in Writ petition No.48 of 1999, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India have constituted a Committee on Experts to study the Jarawas and their problems and then to recommend certain measures for the welfare of Jarawas. The Committee is required to submit its report to the Government and also