Onge(Raia) was one of the members of the erstwhile Pradesh Council, A&N Islands. The Panchavati Raj Institutions like Zilla Parisad has been created in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in accordance with the Constitutional Amendment Act. The chief of the Onges is one of the member of District Planning Committee of the Zilla Parishad, A&N Islands. As such the Onges of Little Andaman Islands are described as a "Partially acculturated? tribal group in anthropological terms. They are no longer a hostile and isolated primitive tribe like the Sentinelese of North Sentinel Island and Jarawas of Middle Andaman island and South Andaman island. Onges of Little Andaman island are at "transitional stage" to join the national mainstream. However, there appears to be no possibility of reversing the natural process of their "acculturation" at this point of time. In fact, they require further protection and assistance, from the govt so that such a small tribe would survive and prosper as one of the communities in India.

That the Onge tribe today in comparison with certain other indigenous tribes show a marked tendency towards sedentarism and have also got wage employment in their own settled way of life, even though, they have not in any way forsaken their traditional practice as hunters and gatherers. The Onges both at Dugong Creek and South Bay continue to forage, in fact they hunt turtles and fish and are very comfortable at sea. They design their own boats known as "Dangey". They hunt pigs in the forests and are excellent archers. Further 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