

Island was to provide them the basic facilities for hygienic living and protection against the elements of nature which has been recorded in the book entitled "Retrieval from Precipice" published by Andaman Adim Janjaati Vikas Samiti. Accordingly, the Onges have been settled at two places viz. Dugong Creek and South Bay in Little Andaman Island and they have been provided with houses, drinking water facilities, health cover, coconut plantations etc.

Annexure R - I Copy of the proceedings of Advisory Committee dated 13.9.76 are annexed and marked as R.I.

I say that over the years the Onges have developed the desire for all facilities of Civilised Society, and they invariably demand sports items and electronic media for entertainment. By virtue of their life style Onge tribes cannot be categorised under hunting, gathering and foraging peoples. The concept of modern society has already crept into their socio-cultural life partially and they are now at the transitional stage. The stage at which the Primitive Tribes standing as today can be termed as partially acculturated. The Onge tribes are now participating in the democratic process of the Govt and they have enrolled their names in the electoral rolls of Parliamentary Constituency and the Onges do take part in the election and exercise their franchise. For the convenience of the Onge voters two Polling Station have been set up at Dugong Creek 14, 2001 Polling Station No. 236 and another Polling Station