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Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2012

To,

The Secretary (Agri)  
A&N Administration  
Port Blair

Sub:- Raising of kitchen garden at Dugong Creek -reg.  
Sir,

I am to state that the Administration has settled the Onges belonging to the aboriginal primitive tribal community at Dugong Creek. The Administration is mandated with their welfare, protection and safety. The Health Department conducted medical camps in the settlement and observed that there are many cases of malnutrition and other diseases among the tribes and has recommended for supply of green and leafy vegetable.

During the tour of Director (TW) the Onges demanded that kitchen garden and horticultural crops may be raised. As you know that Dugong Creek is a remote area cut off from Port Blair. there are no shops available there to supply vegetables. But, vegetables can be easily grown in the settlement which could supplement their diet with good amount of minerals, carbohydrates and fiber and avoid any kind of malnutrition. The issue of health and nutrition shall be discussed in detail during the General Body meeting of AAJVS to be convened under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Lt Governor during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 2013.

You are, therefore, requested to kindly depute officials from the Agriculture department for raising kitchen garden and horticulture crops for the Onges.

Kindly treat the matter as most urgent.

Yours faithfully



Executive Secretary

Copy to:-

1. The P.A. to Secretary (TW) for favour of information please;
2. The Director (TW), for favour of information please;
3. The Tribal Welfare Officer, AAJVS, Dugong Creek, for favour of information;
4. ☒ File concerned

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Executive Secretary