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To,

The Superintending Engineer
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Port Blair

Sub: Power supply at Dugong Creek-reg
Sir,

I am to state that a solar power supply station existed at Onge Settlement Dugong Creek prior to the devastating Tsunami and Earth quake whereby the Onges settlement was supplied with solar energy from 11 PM to 5 AM. But due to the devastating Tsunami, the same was damaged and was not re-established.

You are well aware of the recent incident of consumption of spurious liquor resulting in loss of 08 Onges. To provide immediate medical care to the Onges round the clock, smooth functioning of the medical sub centre is the immediate need of the hour which requires continuous power supply. Further in night hours i.e after closing of power supply, the settlement remains in utter darkness and Onges are unable to reach the medical sub-center for any assistance.

The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs accompanied by other members are scheduled to visit these islands from 16th January 2009. They shall camp at Dugong Creek for three days. All the welfare activities including health care and power supply shall be reviewed during their stay at Dugong Creek.

Considering the above facts and for the over all welfare of the Onges, it is requested to kindly enhance the timing of power supply at Dugong Creek at least 12 to 15 hours in a day. Steps may also be taken to re-establish the solar power station at Dugong Creek at the earliest. Kindly treat the matter as most urgent.

Yours faithfully

Executive Secretary

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