

Chief Secretary, A & N Administration inspected Onge settlement at South Bay and Nicobari Settlement at Harminster Bay in Little Andaman Island on 25.7.99. The undersigned among Chief Engineer, APWD and others accompanied the Chief Secretary. The following decisions were taken on the spot:-

- (a) Onge huts are to be repaired at South Bay immediately. The Onges have requested for RCC houses for themselves. Chief Engineer, APWD shall prepare a new design incorporating the requirements of Onges and send the same for approval. Following the approval of the design Chief Engineer, APWD shall furnish the estimates immediately so that the construction of the houses for Onges at South Bay could be under taken quickly since right now the Onges are not occupying the dilapidated houses constructed for them nearly 20 years ago.

A formal letter could go to Chief Engineer, APWD from Executive Secretary, AAJVS in this regard.

- (b) Repairs to the Medical Sub-Center and electrical connections / wiring is to be attended immediately by APWD so that the Pharmacist who is yet to be posted by the DHS shall not have the problem to stay therein. A formal letter from E S, AAJVS could similarly go to Chief Engineer, APWD and Executive Engineer, Assistant Engineer concerned.

Another letter could also be sent to DHS informing her that there exists a Medical Sub-Center complex which has the residential portion too to be used by the Pharmacist. She could be requested to post a Pharmacist immediately to attend to the health aspects of the Onges. ES, AAJVS shall write a letter accordingly.

Further Incharge of Onge Settlement South Bay be asked to send periodical reports in the performa which will also indicate the visit of Medical Officer and others to Onge Settlement.

- (c) The Social Worker, Dugong Creek who accompanied the officers informed that vegetable garden which was started a year ago has not been continued with. In-take of green vegetable has been a necessity for the Onges. There is no reason why they could not continue to grow the vegetables. Obtain the reasons for the same. In any case they should start immediately the works so that they should be able to grow the vegetables during the current season.

ES, AAJVS shall take necessary action in this regard and report be furnished in the matter.