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efforts should be made to bring at least some select students to Port Blair for giving them the opportunity to study with the students of mainstream society. It is felt that these students while returning to their homes with better awareness will gradually convince the other members of the tribe the need of maintaining a separate identity of their own community.

3. In order to help the tribals towards a self sustained economy and to instill confidence in themselves about their capability to earn their livelihood through some income generating activity, all kind of support including training should be provided by the Administration so as to motivate them in involving some location specific economic activities as suggested earlier in the report. Providing all related support services should be a coordinated/concerted effort of all the directorate/departments of the Administration. The existing dole system may be gradually withdrawn so as to induce the tribals to such economic activities.

2.2 Onges

1. It is felt that the attention of the concerned authority should be diverted towards providing more cultural inputs to the Onges which includes counselling regarding marriage alliances, the concept regarding health and hygiene and the like. The Onges should be