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be merged with the mainstream population, the Committee opined against the same on the grounds that it is honourable for any community to decide as to how they should change themselves and whether they should change at all; and the same should not be forced upon them. Because of such attempts in case of Great Andamanese and the Ongees they are no more economically independent self-supporting group of hunters and gatherers and such loss of independence might cost any community its self-respect; different communities having diverse kinds of technologies, economy and social system could not accommodate similar pace of change and history has demonstrated time and again whenever any hunting gathering community was dragged in some productive economic system in a hurry, they have crashed under the weight of the change; it is not necessary to think that the Jarwa way of life has no worth and should be discarded; some traits of the neighbouring communities can be highly compatible or devastating for the Jarwa Society; money and market based economy can be one such incompatible trait while gender inequality of the agricultural society can shatter the Jarwa social system.

The Committee opined that although it is not in favour of isolating one human group to another it is opposed to the idea of one Section

