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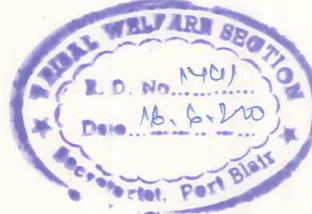
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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti



Port Blair, dated the 13<sup>th</sup> June '2000

To,

The Director (TW),  
A & N Administration,  
Port Blair.



**Sub: -** Procurement and marketing of Minor Forest Produce and Surplus Agricultural Produce grown/ collected by Tribals - Reg.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 1-566/2000-TW/508 dated 25<sup>th</sup> May'2000 on the above subject, I am to say that the procurement and marketing of minor forest produce and surplus agricultural produce concerned Onges, Great Andamanese and Shompens are as under:-

1. **Onges**: The Onges are collecting forest produce like honey and resin only. These produce are being collected by the Onge Multipurpose Co-operative Society and the sale proceeds of the produce are deposited with their common account being operated for their welfare. The Onge Multipurpose Co-operative Society is a tribal society and all the Onges are the members of the society. There is a coconut plantation in the settlement and the nuts are collected by the Onges and the same is marketed by the Onge Multipurpose Co-operative Society. The society in its turn sell the nuts to the Andaman Nicobar Marketing Federation and the sale proceeds are deposited with the Onge Multipurpose Co-operative Society. As such there is no separate institutional marketing arrangements available for the disposal of the coconuts and other forest produce being collected by the Onge tribes. The Andaman & Nicobar Administration fixes the collection prices of the coconut from the Onge Multipurpose Co-operative Society and as such the Onges are getting the market price for their produce

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