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The District Administration, South Andaman forwarded the application of staffs of Village Level Child Protection Committee to visit Dugong Creek to observe the Health and Education status, and requested this Directorate to furnish the comment for issuance of tribal pass.

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In this connection, it is submitted that the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Netaji Nagar, Little Andaman while recommending for tribal pass has cited the reference of ICDS scheme of Social Welfare Department. But in nowhere, he has mentioned about accompanying of ICDS staff with the team or conducting of programme in collaboration with any Department concerned.

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Dugong Creek is an Onge settlement occupied by Onge tribes which has been considered as PVTGs tribe. Visiting in their area by the non-tribals is restricted under PAT Regulation. But if any govt agency wants to undertake any activities in the interest of the PVTGs, then there would have no restrictions with certain conditions.

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As such, granting permission to an organization called as Village Level Child Protection Committee, Little Andaman who wants to observe the Health and Education status of Onge tribe without any experts or specialized persons, would require examination. However, instead of denying, in the first instant we may seek the comment from the Director of Social Welfare in this regard to know about the objective and usefulness of the visit.

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Submitted for perusal please.

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Does Dugong Creek settlement fall within the territorial jurisdiction of Netaji Nagar Gram panchayat?

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