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PUC is the letter No. 16013/13/2006-CP&R dated 14.5.2007 from the Economic Adviser, Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding assurance relating to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 539 answered on 27.11.2006 asked by Shri. Ravula Chandra Sekar Reddy, M.P about 'Transfer of tribal land'. The Govt. of India has requested the Secretaries in-charge of Tribal Welfare Department of all State Government/UTs to furnish the information in respect of parts (b) to (d) of the question by 21.5.2007.

The Ministry's letter No. 16013/13/2006-CP&R dated 9.1.2007 referred therein has not been received in this department sofar.

The reply to the RSUSQ No. 539 is proposed as under:

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b)	If so, the details thereof during the last two years and the reasons therefore;	Sofar no tribal land has been reported to be transferred to any company in the name of development and industrialization in this UT.
c)	Whether it is also a fact that although there was a very specific provision in the Constitution for protection of tribal land, it is being violated by the authorities in connivance with industrial houses;	In this UT, there is a Regulation called 'A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956, which protects the interests of the tribals in the lands situated in the tribal areas. As per provision of the said Regulation, no member of an aboriginal tribe shall, except with the previous sanction of the Administrator, transfer by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease or otherwise any land to any person other than a member of an aboriginal tribe.
d)	If so, the comments of Government in this regard; and	Does not arise in view of reply (c) above.