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TEXT OF THE LOK SABHA PROVISIONALLY STARRED THE OUESTION DY, NO.11826 FOR 11.9.2007 REGARDING TRIBALS AND DALITS CONVERTED TO BUDDHISM. IS REPRODUCED BELOW:-

- WHETHER THOUSANDS OF TRIBALS AND DALITS CONVERTED TO BUDDHISM AT A MASSIVE GATHERING IN BOMBAY ON 27.05.2007 ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF Dr. B.R. AMBEDKAR's CONVERSION.
- IF SO, THE CASES OF CONVERSIONS TO BUDDHISM TAKEN PLACE DURING EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS AND IN CURRENT YEAR TILL DATE, STATE/UNION TERRITORY-WISE:
- WHETHER AFTER EMBRACING BUDDHISM, DO THEY (C)SOME BENEFIT RESERVATION;
- (D) WHETHER SOME PARTIES ARE GAINING POLITICAL BENEFIT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER IN THEIR FAVOUR;
  - THE DETAILS OF GUIDELINES FOR CONVERSION: AND
- THE STEPS TAKEN/PROPOSE TO BE TAKEN TO CHECK MISUSE OF CONVERSION?
- IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE REQUISITE INFORMATION WITH REGARD THE ABOVE OUESTION ALONGWITH MATERIAL FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLIMENTARIES MAY KINDLY BE SENT TO THIS MINISTRY BY 3.09.2007 POSITIVELY.

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