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Most Immediate
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. 1-360/2007-TW/ 503

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

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Port Blair, dated the 31st August' 2007.

To

1. The Deputy Commissioner,
South Andaman, Port Blair.
2. The Deputy Commissioner,
Nicobars, Car Nicobar
3. The Deputy Commissioner,
North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder.

Sub: **Lok Sabha Provisionally Starred Question Dy. No. 11826 for 11.9.2007 regarding Tribals and Dalits converted to Buddhism.**

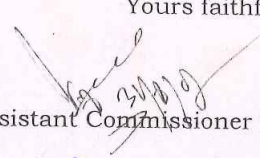
Sir,

I am directed to reproduce below the text of the Lok Sabha Provisionally Starred Question Dy. No. 11826 for 11.9.2007 received vide letter No. U-11016/10/2007-NI-II dated 28.8.2007 of the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi regarding the above mentioned subject.

- (A) Whether thousands of Tribals and Dalits converted to Buddhism at a massive gathering in Bombay on 27-05-2007 on the 50th year of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's conversion.
- (B) 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;
- (C) Whether after embracing Buddhism, do they get some benefit reservation;
- (D) Whether some parties are gaining political benefit to increase the number in their favour;
- (E) The details of guidelines for conversion; and
- (F) The steps taken/propose to be taken to check misuse of conversion?

You are, therefore, requested kindly to furnish the requisite information along with material for supplementaries to this office immediately.

Yours faithfully,


Assistant Commissioner (TW)

