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उपायुक्त का कार्यालय

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT

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Port Blair dated the 31st August 2007

To

The Assistant Commissioner (TW)
Directorate of Tribal Welfare
Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Port Blair

Sub: - Lok Sabha Provisionally Starred question Dy. No. 11826 for 11-09-2007 regarding Tribals and Dalits converted to Buddhism.

Sir,

This is with reference to the letter no. 1-360/2007-TW/503 dated 31st August 2007 received from Assistant Commissioner (TW) on the above cited subject.

The point wise reply to the parliament question is prepared as given below: -

(a) Whether thousands of Tribals and Dalits converted to Buddhism at a massive gathering in Bombay on 27-05-2007 on the 50 th year of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's Conversion.	Ans: Not ^{in the} pertaining to Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
(b) If so, the case of conversions to Buddhism taken place during each of the last three years and in current year till date, State/Union Territory-wise;	Ans: Administration may reply.
(c) Whether after embracing Buddhism, do they get some benefit reservations;	Ans: As above.
(d) Whether some parties are gaining political benefit to increase the number in their favour;	Ans: In view of the above not applicable.
(e) The details of guidelines for conversion; and	Ans: As above.
(f) The Steps taken/propose to be taken to check misuse of conversion?	Ans: As above.

Yours faithfully

Assistant Commissioner (HQ)