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ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NICOBAR DISTRICT.

6/9/07

Dated at Co. Nicobar, the 6th Sep 2007

The Assistant Commissioner (T/W)
 A & N Administration
 Port Blair

Sub: Lok Sabha Provisionally Starred Question Dy. No. 11240 for 11.5.2007
 regarding tribes and Dalits converted to Buddhism

Sir,

I am directed to refer your letter No. 1-500/2007 dated 1.10.2007 on the above cited subject. The point wise reply to the above provisionally starred questions are furnished as under:-

Point No.	Question	Reply
(A)	Whether thousands of Tribals and Dalits converted to Buddhism at a massive gathering in Bombay on 25/7/2007 on the 50 th year of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar's conversion.	The incident does not pertain to Nicobar islands.
(B)	If so, the cases of conversion to Buddhism taken place during each of the last three years and in current year till date, State/UT-wise.	No cases of conversion to Buddhism are reported in Nicobar Islands.
(C)	Whether reservation in Buddhism, by way of jobs, reservation	No benefit of reservation is available in Nicobar, as per the suggestion made as per the SCs notified. There are no SCs notified.
(D)	Whether reservation in Buddhism, by way of jobs, reservation	There being no cases of conversion in the island, question does not arise.
(E)	The details of guidelines for conversion; and	There being no cases of conversion, no guidelines are prevalent.
(F)	the steps taken / proposed to be taken to attract people to conversion?	Conversion to Buddhism in the island is restricted. This acts as a deterrent against any further conversion.

Yours faithfully,

- (c) No benefit of reservation is available to Buddhists, as per the City of Bombay notified. There are no SCs notified.
- (d) There being no cases of conversion in the island, question does not arise.
- (e) There being no cases of conversion, no guidelines are prevalent in Nicobar Islands.
- (f) The island being a tribal reserve area, any conversion into the island is restricted. This acts as a deterrent against any further conversion.
- Assistant Commissioner (T/W)
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