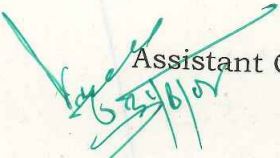


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PUC is the Fax Message No. U-11016/10/2007-NI-II dated 28.8.2007 received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi addressed to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Port Blair regarding Lok Sabha Provisionally Starred Question Dy. No. 11826 for 11.9.2007 about Tribals and Dalits converted to Buddhism. The Govt. of India has requested this Administration to send requisite information with regard to the following question along with material for possible supplementaries to their Ministry by 3-9-2007.

- (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?

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As the required information is not available in this Department, we may call for the same from the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Deputy Commissioner Nicobars and Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle, if approved. Accordingly, a draft fax letter is submitted for perusal and approval please.

27/9/07

Assistant Commissioner (TW)
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Director (TW)/Spl. Secretary (TW) (02/07)
