

This is regarding Lok Sabha Question D. No. 338 for 16.11.2007 asked by Shri. Manoranjan Bhakta about condition of Primitive Tribal Groups. The Research Officer, Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi vide letter No. 16012/02/2007-C&LM II dated 11.11.2007 at page 142/c has requested this Administration to send requisite information on the following question alongwith possible supplementaries latest by 13.11.2007 positively.

- (a) Whether the Government has prepared the ethnographic profile on 'Onges' and 'Jarawas', the Primitive Tribal Groups; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof;

So far as Tribal Welfare Department is concerned, the ethnographic profile on 'Onges' and 'Jarawas', the Primitive Tribal Groups has not been prepared so far.

There is an autonomous body namely Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samithi (AAJVS) functioning under the Chairmanship of the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands to look after the welfare of the Primitive Tribes. The ES, AAJVS has furnished his report at para 116/N on pre-page that no ethnographic profile on 'Onges' and 'Jarawas', or for any of the Primitive Tribal Groups has been prepared.

Based on the above information, the draft reply has been prepared and placed opposite for perusal and approval please.

[Signature]
Research Officer (J)
(CF-76- pq1)

PC discuss
Assistant Commissioner (TW)

Director (TW)/Spl. Secretary (TW)

C.S.
[Signature]
[Signature]