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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 alongwithpossible 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 sthereof;

So far as the UT Administration of A & N Islands is concerned, no ethnographic profile on 'Onges' and 'Jarawas', the Primitive Tribal Groups has been prepared. However, in terms of the judgment of the Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court delivered on 9.4.2001, the Govt. of India had constituted an Expert Committee consisting of experts from various fields to go into problems of the Jarawa tribe and suggest measures for their welfare and development. Further, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, in consultation with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and A & N Administration has finalized a policy on the Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Island, on the basis of the recommendations of the experts in various fields. The policy has been notified in December, 2004 for implementation.

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 ethnogrpahic 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.

Assistant Commissioner (TW)
(CF:-T6- pq1)

Director (TW)/Spl. Secretary (TW)

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May pl approve.

15/11/07