This is regarding Lok Sabha USQ No. 5078 raissed by Col (Rtd) Sona Ran Choudhary for answer on 26.4.2002 about SCs & (2B) STs living below poverty line in Rajasthan. The Govt. of India has desired this Administration to furnish the relevant information in respect of part (c) & (d) of the question to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at the earliest so as to enable them to fulfill the assurance

Since the requisite information was not available in this department, we had called for the same from the DC, Nicobars, DC, 24) Andamans and Director (Civil Supplies) vide this office letter dated 12.7.2002 at page 44-45/c. The report from the Director of Civil Supplies and DC (Nicobars) have been received and placed in the file at page 46-48/c. The report from the Dc (Andamans) is yet to be received.

Based on these reports, a reply to the above LSUSQ No. (28) 5078 is proposed as under

SI. No.	Question	Proposed Answer
1 (c)	Whether such families have been identified and issued identity cards/ration cards; and	3957 ST families have been identified as BPL, of which 2552 families are as very poor. BPL card has been issued to 1405 families and Antodaya Anna Yojana cards to 2552 families.
(d)	If not, the reason therefore?	Does not arise.

There are no SCs declared in relation to this UT. If approved, we may send a reply to the LSUSQ No. 5078 to the Govt. of India along the above lines. A draft reply is put up for perusal & approval please.

Research Officer

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