

No. 118/2000-R/PQ/ 4815
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT OF ANDAMANS

Port Blair, dated the 16 December, 2002

To

The Research Officer,
Tribal Welfare,
A&N Administration,
Port Blair.

Sub : Notice of Rajya Sabha provisionally admitted Question Dy. No. 3928 for answer on 2.12.2002 raised by Shri Janeswar Mishra, MP regarding killing of witch women in tribal communities.

Sir,

This is with reference to letter No. 1-360/2002-TW(PQ)/1228 dated 13th December, 2002 on the subject cited above.

The reply of the District Administration to the parliament question is as follows :-

Questions	Answers
(a) Whether it is a fact that a few incidents of killing of some women by terming them "witch" have taken place in several tribal communities for the past;	Not applicable.
(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Ojha group of these tribal communities are largely responsible for such in human incidents;	Not applicable.
(c) if so, the detail of such incidents community-wise; and	Not applicable.
(d) the action Government are taking to make these Ojha group literate and humane ?	Not applicable.

Yours faithfully,

H. E. S. N.
Assistant Commissioner (HQ)
For Deputy Commissioner
District of Andamans