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Most Immediate
Parliament Question

No.16013/24/03-S&M
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

New Delhi, December 4, 2003

To

The Secretary
Tribal Welfare Department
Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Administration,
Port Blair-744 101.



Subject: Provisional admitted Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No.S3338 dated 15.12.2003
by Shri Janeshwar Mishra regarding "Superstition among tribals"

Sir,

I am directed to say that this Ministry has received a notice of the above mentioned Question for answer in Rajya Sabha on 15.12.2003. The text of the Question is as under:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the tribal community is once again falling in the grip of dangerous superstitions;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that many of innocent tribal people have lost their lives due to this;
- (c) if so, the details of the people who lost their lives due to the said reasons during the last two years, year-wise and district-wise;
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to make the tribal community free from these superstitions?

2. It is requested that the part-wise information sought in the Question pertaining to your State may kindly be furnished to this Ministry **urgently** at Fax Nos. 23073160/23073607.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Varma)

Deputy Secretary to Govt. of India