

This is regarding regarding Notice of Rajya Sabha Provisionally Admitted Question Dy. No. 3928 for answer on 2.12.2002 raised by Shri. Janeshwar Mishra about "killing of witch women in tribal communities."

Since the requisite information was not available in this department, we had called for the same from the DC, Andaman, DC, Nicobars and IGP vide this office letter dated 13.12.2002 at page 65-68/cor. The information from the concerned departments have been received and placed in the file at page 69-73/cor.

Based on these reports, a reply to the RSPAQ is proposed as under :-

Sl. No.	Question Verbatim	Proposed Answer
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;	No such incidents have been reported in this U.T.
b)	If so, whether it is also a fact that Ojha group of these tribal communities are largely responsible for such inhuman incidents;	Does not arise in view of reply at (A) above.
c)	If so, the details of such incidents community-wise; and	Does not arise in view of reply at (A) above.
d)	the action Government are taking to make this Ojha group literate and humane?	Does not arise in view of reply at (A) above.

If approved, a reply in the above lines may be sent to Govt. of India. A draft reply is placed opposite for approval please.

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