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Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

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To

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



Subject: Assurance given to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1212 dated 3.3.2002 by Dr. C. Narayana Reddy and Shri C. Ramachandraiah, regarding "Women sold by way of punishment in tribal areas of M.P."

Sir,

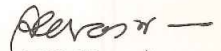
I am directed to say that Dr. C. Narayana Reddy and Shri C. Ramachandraiah, MPs, had tabled the above mentioned Question in the Rajya Sabha, for answer on 3.3.2003, which had sought the following information:-

- (a) whether the Government are aware that in tribal areas like in Madhya Pradesh women are sold publicly by way of punishment;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government propose to deal with it without detriment to the sentiments of the tribals?

2. An assurance was given by this Ministry that the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

3. It is requested that the information sought in the Question, pertaining to your State, may kindly be furnished to this Ministry **urgently** at Fax Nos. 23073160/23073607 to enable fulfillment of the assurance at an early date.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Varma)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India