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PUC is a letter dated 04/12/2003 from the Dy. Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding provisional admitted Rajya Sabha Question Dy.No.S3338 dated 15/12/2003 by Shri Janeshwar Mishra regarding "Superstition among tribals". The Govt. of India has desired this Administration to furnished the para-wise information of the following questions urgently.

- whether it is a fact that the tribal community is once again falling in the grip of dangerous superstitions;
- whether it is also a fact that many of innocent tribal people have lost their lives due to this;
- 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;
- the steps being taken by Government to make the tribal community free from these superstitions?

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In this connection it is stated that these are six tribal communities viz - Great Andamanese, Onges, Jarawas, Sentinelese, Shompens and Nicobarese. None are reported to have fallen under the grip of superstitions. So the requisite information is Nil. Accordingly, we may send a reply to Govt. of India, if approved. A draft reply is put up for approval, please.

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