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To
The Research Officer (TW)
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Sub: Lok Sabha USQ Dy.No.5176 for answer on 25.04.2003 raised by S/Shri. S.Ajay Kumar, Sadashivrao Dadoba Mandik, C.N.Singh and Sunil Khan, MPs about 'Starvation Death of Tribals' - reg.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1-360/2002-TW(PQ)/452 dated 9th May 2003, the following is furnished against the the parliamentary questions as per the information received from the field officials from different tribal areas and settlements.

Question (a) : Whether the Government are aware of the deaths of tribals due to starvation and malnutrition in several parts of the country especially in Nandurbar in Maharashtra.

Question (b) : If so, the state wise number of deaths of tribals occurred during 2001-2002 and the current year.

Answer to Questions (a) and (b): - No, there has been no death occurred due to the starvation and malnutrition among the primitive tribes of A & N Islands.

Question (c) : Whether the Union Govt. have sought a report in this regard from the State Government.

Answer : Not yet.

Question (d) : If so, the details thereof .

Answer : Nil.