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PUC is a letter dated 17.12.2003 from the Dy. Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi regarding Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question Dy. No. 2134 for answer on 22.12.2003 by Shri Janeshwar Mishra regarding "Superstitions among tribals". The Govt. of India has desired this Administration to furnish the para-wise information sought in the question to their Ministry urgently.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the text of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2134 now received is almost similar to that of the Rajya Sabha Question No. S.3338 received earlier vide Govt. of India's letter dated 4.12.2003 at page 98/c and the reply to that question was sent to the Govt. Of India vide Administration's letter dated 19.12.2003 at page 99/c. Based on the reply to the RSQ No. S.3338 sent to the Govt. of India earlier, the reply to the RSUSQ No. 2134 now received is proposed as under:

S.No	Question	Proposed answer
(a)	Whether it is a fact that there are grave superstitions among the tribal communities of the country;	None of the tribal communities are reported to have fallen in the grip of superstitions.
(b)	If so, the details of tribal people caused due to these superstitions State-wise; and	Does not arise.
(c)	The steps being taken by Govt. to get these communities relieved of these superstitions?	Does not arise.

If approved, we may send a reply to Govt. of India. A draft reply is put up for approval, please.

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