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This is regarding Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1212 dated 03/3/2003 tabled by Dr. Narayana Reddy and Shri. C. Ramachandraiah, MPs about "women sold by way of punishment in tribal areas of M.P". The Govt. of India has desired this Administration to send the requisite information urgently.

Based on the report received from IGP at page 87/c, the reply to the RSUSQ is proposed as under:-

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S. No	Question Verbatim	Proposed Answer
a) bym	Whether the Govt. are aware that in tribal areas like in Madhya Pradesh women are sold publicly by way of punishment;	No such incident has been reported in this U.T.
b)	If so, the details thereof; and	Does not arise.
c)	Whether Govt. propose to deal with it without detriment to the sentiments of the tribals?	Does not arise as there is no such practice in vogue regarding the tribals of this U.T.

If approved, we may send the required information with regard to above RSUSQ to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Accordingly a draft letter is put up for perusal and approval please.

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