

This is regarding Lok Sabha USQ No. 5176 for answer on 25.4.2003 raised by S/Shri. S.Ajaya Kumar, Sadashivrao Dadoba Mandik, C.N. Singh and Sunil Khan, MPs about 'Starvation Death of Tribals'. The Govt. of India has desired this Administration to furnish the part-wise information in respect of the following question to their Ministry urgently.

Since the requisite information we had called for the A from the DC, Nicobars, Tehsildar, Hut Bay and the Executive secretary, AAJVS vide this office letter dated 9.5.2003 at page 92/c and subsequent reminders dated 21.5.2003, 28.5.2003v & 9.6.2003 at page 98, 105 & 107/C respectively. The report from all the departments have been received and placed in the file at page 102-110/C.

Based on these reports, a reply to the above LSUSQ No. 5176 is proposed as under

Sl.No.	Question	Proposed answer
a)	Whether the Govt. are aware of the deaths of tribals due to starvation and malnutrition in several parts of the country especially in Nandurbar in Maharashtra;	No such death among the tribals of this U.T has been occurred.
b)	if so, the State-wise number of deaths of tribals occurred during 2001-2002 and the current year;	Does not arise
c)	Whether the Union Govt. have sought a report in this regard from the State Governments;	Union Govt. may reply.
d)	If so, the details thereof; and	Does not arise.
e)	The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Govt. to prevent the occurrence of such deaths of tribals?	Does not arise.

If approved, we may send a reply to the LSUSQ No. 5176 to the Govt. of India along the above lines. A draft reply is put up for perusal & approval please.

Research Officer (TW)
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