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P.U.C. is a letter dated 6th August 2003 from the Section Officer (Schemes), Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, New Delhi addressed to Secretary (TW), A & N Administration calling for information in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2365 for answer on 11th August 2003 tabbled by Shri Kripar Parmal, MP regarding Ashram Schools for STs.

(158) m We had earlier received Rajya Sabha Provisional admitted Junior Dy. No. S000248 for answer on 28.7.2003 vide letter No. 16013/4/2003 – Schemes dated 18/07/2003 at P.120/C of Govt. of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs on Ashram schools for STs. The text of the question now received is same as the earlier one. We had collected information from the Directorate of Education vide page 153/C. On the basis of the above information a reply was sent to Govt. of India vide this Administration's fax message dated 25th July, 2003 at P.131/C. So we may send the same reply as sent earlier. Accordingly, the material in respect of the question now received is proposed as under:

Sl.No.	Questions	Answers
a).	whether Government are implementing a scheme of Ashram Schools for schedule tribes	No Sir
b).	if so, the details thereof;	Does not arise
c).	the number of schools opened till date State-wise; and	2
d).	the number of students getting benefit from such schools?	60

Material for supplementaries

Two Ashram Schools one at Shompen Hut Complex, Great Nicobar and another at Trinket Island set up during 9th Five Year Plan are functioning for the benefit of Scheduled Tribe students. There are 60 students getting benefits from the above schools. The expenditure is being met out of the non-plan budget. There is no scheme of Ashram Schools included under 10th Five Year Plan of the Directorate of Education.

Subject to approval of the above proposal, a draft reply is put up for approval please.

Director (TW)

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