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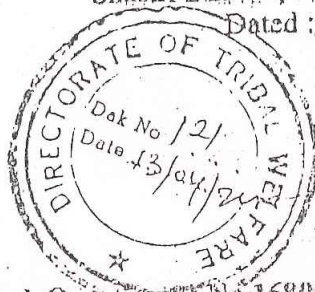
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**MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION
BY FAX**

No: 16012/ 7/2000-TDA
Government of India
Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi-01

Dated : 11.04.2000



To, All the Chief Secretaries ,

Subject : Lok Sabha Provisional Starred Question No.16800 raised by Shri P.D. Elangovan to be replied on 18.4.2000 regarding Self Employment Schemes for tribals.

I am directed to refer to the above mentioned Question. The text of the Question is as under:

- the steps taken by the Government to improve the standard of living of tribals particularly the Lambadi Tribes in South India;
- whether the Government propose to launch any new schemes to provide self employment opportunities for the tribals in the country;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the details of the various Tribal Communities in Tamil Nadu, their population, the area of habitation and various schemes in operation to enhance their living standards;
- whether the reports of Anthropological Survey of India is the only authoritative source for the classification of Tribes of various nature; and
- if so, the details in this regard?

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You are requested to furnish part-wise information and possible note for supplementaries for the said Question by return fax (No. 3384918).

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Yours faithfully,

(Dr. N.K. Ghatak)
Joint Director(TDA)