This is regarding Lok Sabha Provisional Starred Question Dy.No.16800 raised by Shri.P.D.Elangovan to be replied on 18/04/2000 about Self Employment Schemes for Tribals. The Govt. of India has desired this Administration to furnish parawise information and possible note for supplementaries for the said Question by fax. The text of the Question is as under:

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- a) the steps taken by the Government to improve the standard of living of tribals particularly the Lambadi Tribes in South India.
- b) whether the Government propose to launch any new schemes to provide self employment opportunities for the tribals in the country.

c) if so, the details thereof;

- d) 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.
- e) whether the reports of Anthropological Survey of India is the only authoralative source for the classification of Tribes of various nature; and
- f) if so, the details in this regard?

The required informations are not readily available in this Directorate. Therefore, we may request the following departments viz D.C (Nicobars), Director of Industries, Director of Employment and Training and Director of Rural Development to furnish the requisite information to this Directorate immediately to enable us to send a reply to the Govt. of India, if approved.

A draft letter is putup for perusal and approval please.

Assistant Commissioner (TW)

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