

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 para-wise information and possible note for supplementaries for the said Question by fax. We had requested the following Departments viz. DC (Nicobars), Dir. of Industries, Dir. of Employment & Training, Dir. of Rural Development, Dir. of Fisheries, Dir. of Agriculture, Dir. of AH&VS and Head of Office, ASI, Port Blair to furnish the requisite information vide this Admn's letter dated 14/04/2000 at page 83-85/C. The reports from all the departments have been received and placed in the file at page from 86-97/C. Based on these reports, a reply to the LSPSQ is proposed as under:-

Sl.No	Question	Answer
a)	The steps taken by the Govt. to improve the standard of living of tribals particularly the Lambadi Tribes in South India.	Tribal Sub-Plan is being implemented in this U.T for the Socio - economic development of the tribal areas as well as the tribal families.
b)	whether the Govt. propose to launch any new schemes to provide self employment opportunities for the tribals in the country.	Yes.
c)	if so, the details thereof;	Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment has revamped Self-employment Schemes namely- IRDP, TRYSEM, DWCRA etc., as Swarnajayanthi Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) which protects the community interest in economic development.
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.	Not applicable to this U.T.
e)	whether the reports of Anthropological Survey of India is the only authoralative source for the classification of Tribes of various nature; and	No. The Anthropological Survey prepares field based authoritative reports on various dimensions of the Scheeduled Tribes from anthropological perspectives.