GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TRIBAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3696 ANSWERED ON:16.12.2011 ATROCITIES ON FOREST DWELLERS Hazari Shri Maheshwar

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received information regarding any kind of atrocities by the local administration against forest dwellers claiming land rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a), (b) & (c): Complaints have been received over a period of time concerning denial of rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and eviction of tribals from forest etc. These complaints have been sent to respective States/UTs for taking necessary action as the implementation of the Act lies with the States/UTs.