

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:535  
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POWER CRISIS IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS  
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware of acute power shortage in Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reason therefore; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government and the Administration in A&N Islands to improve the power situation in the islands?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF POWER ( SHRI P.M. SAYEED )

(a) & (b) : There is no power shortage at present in the Union Territory of A&N Islands.

(c) : Due to the Earthquakes & Tsunami on 26th December, 2004, twenty two (22) of the thirty six (36) Power Houses in A&N Islands were damaged/washed away. Around 37 MW generating capacity out of a total of 65 MW capacity all over the Islands was dislocated and were under shutdown due to the same. Generating capacity of 30.75 MW has since been revived and 5 MW Diesel Generator Capacity has since been added. Power supply to all the major inhabited islands has since been restored including that at intermediate shelter locations.