

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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. EMPLOYMENT TO TSUNAMI AFFECTED RURAL PERSONS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the steep increase in unemployment in the rural areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands after the Tsunami devastation;

(b) if so, the steps taken to arrest the same; and (

(c) the number of those persons likely to be given employment affected by Tsunami?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Andman & Nicobar Administration has reported that the following steps have been taken to arrest the same: -

1. A UT level coordination committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Development Commissioner to coordinate and monitor all livelihood matters.

2. A livelihood need assessment survey has been conducted by the Industries Department with the help of NGOs in various intermediate shelters.

3. A Task Force, which includes representative from Financial Institution, has also been constituted to prepare livelihood plan for people under Non-Farm sector.

4. Necessary steps have been taken for employment generation by various departments and NGOs under various programmes.

5. Ban on filling up of posts has been lifted.

(c) As reported by UT Administration, out of 72.84 lakh mandays expected to be generated, 9.18 lakh mandays have already been generated by various Departments. In addition, employment generation in regular government jobs is expected to be 1460.