

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3764  
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SCARCITY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN ANDAMAN  
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is acute scarcity of essential commodities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) whether the Government has taken steps to distribute/supply all essential commodities including kerosene to the consumers at Fair Price;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH )

- (a): There is no scarcity of essential commodities in Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Islands.
  - (b), (c) & (d): The A&N Administration has taken steps to distribute items i.e. rice, sugar, wheat and kerosene only to the Ration Card Holders under Targeted Public Distribution System as per norms through Fair Price Shops.
- All the other essential commodities including pulses and edible oil are sold by the Private traders.