

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INFLUX OF PEOPLE INTO ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the sustaining capacity of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is being affected due to regular influx of people into the Islands and it has become necessary to bring regulation to control such influx;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has issued any directions to the local administration to conduct a survey in this regard;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be conducted/completed; and
- (d) the further steps taken/being taken to check the influx of people in the Islands?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)to(d) : In the absence of a scientific study with regard to availability and required infrastructure, the sustaining capacity of the Andaman & Nicobar islands cannot be defined. However, with a view to preserve and improve natural environment/ protect Islands aboriginal tribes, the Union Territory Administration proposed to promulgate a Regulation to regulate the entry of non-residents and also to prevent influx of people beyond the carrying capacity of the Islands. The matter has been examined carefully and it has been decided to make an assessment of the magnitude of the problem before a view in the matter is taken.