

Title: Regarding problems of fishermen of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands is a Union Territory located in the midst of Bay Bengal. Due to the vast open sea, a large number of people there are living on fishing. We now find that a lot of restrictions are being imposed on these fishermen and they are being subject to a lot of harassment as a result of which their livelihood is in difficulty. I would like to draw the attention of the Government to this and request that these fishermen should be looked after. After all a large number of people living in the villages go on to the sea facing very difficult conditions and without any facilities. I, therefore, request the hon. Minister in charge of Fisheries that this should be looked into and a group be sent to Andaman & Nicobar Islands to see the difficulties the fishermen there are facing so that remedial action can be taken.