

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3494
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2003
STATEHOOD TO ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to transform Andaman-Nicobar Islands into a State as has been done in case of Pondicherry, Arunachal Pradesh or Goa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK)

(a): There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government. It is also clarified that the current status of Pondicherry is that of a Union Territory with Legislature.

(b): Does not arise.