

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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RO PLANTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of RO plants and over head tanks constructed in Andaman and Nicobar Islands since October 1995 to September 2008 indicating the expenditure incurred thereon along with the name of agency through which these have been constructed, location-wise;
- (b) the quantum of water being supplied and people benefited on daily basis as a result of these plants/ tanks;
- (c) the number of such plants which are operational and those which are not functioning since installation;
- (d) the reasons for non-functioning of such plants;
- (e) the number of such plants which are not being/ have not been repaired within their guaranteed period of agreement along with the reasons for the same; and
- (f) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MS. AGATHA SANGMA)

- (a) & (b): As reported by the Andaman Public Works Department (APWD), 10 RO plants were installed through Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) after Tsunami for APWD in different islands of Andaman & Nicobar. CGWB procured 10 RO Plants from i.e. M/s Fontus Water Limited, New Delhi at a cost of Rs. 131.16 lakh. One plant was installed by the firm M/s Fontus Water Ltd. and the remaining 9 plants were installed through Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavnagar on payment of Rs. 27 lakh. No Over Head Tanks were installed with these plants. 2 RO plants installed by an NGO are also being maintained by APWD at Nicobar district. The capacity of each plant is 1,000 liters per hour and runs for 6 to 7 hours per day. Around 2,500 to 3,000 people are benefitted by the same. One plant near GB Pant hospital is installed by APWD on BOOT mode. The agency is supplying 3 lakh liters per day benefitting around 500 patients per day.
- (c) & (d): Except one RO plant at Campbell Bay, which has developed some minor mechanical problem, all the rest are functioning.
- (e): There are no such plants under APWD.
- (f): Does not arise.