

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2604  
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DEVELOPMENT OF A N ISLANDS  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of islands in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands alongwith the population of the said Islands;
- (b) the number of islands out of the above which are proposed to be inter-linked by rail and roadways giving the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any comprehensive schemes for the overall development of the said islands; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds granted/utilised during each of the last three years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a): There are 37 inhabited islands in the I Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Island-wise population in these Islands has been shown in Annexure -I.
- (b): No proposal to inter-link islands by rail has been received by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration from the Ministry of Railways. However, Andaman and Nicobar Administration proposes to inter-link the following four islands by roadways as under:
  - (i) South Andaman Island (Chidiyatapu to Jirkatant).
  - (ii) Baratang Island.
  - (iii) Middle Andaman Island (Kadamtala to Mayabunder).
  - (iv) North Andaman Island (Mohanpur to Aerial Bay).
- (c) & (d): The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has formulated 174 Plan Schemes for development of these Islands. The sector-wise details thereof alongwith the details of funds granted/utilized in last three years have been shown in Annexure -II.