

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1441
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EXTINCTION OF TRIBALS
Tarai Shri Bibhu Prasad

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Jarawa tribe in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are facing the danger of extinction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increased arrival of tourists' visit into the Jarawa reserve has inflicted multiple damage on this stoneage tribe;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures adopted by the Government for the protection and welfare of this tribe?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Tourists are only passing through certain part of the Jarawa Reserve, using the Andaman Trunk Road and they are not allowed to get down inside the Reserve. However, in recent times some of the Jarawas have started coming out of the Reserve and adopted new habits such as wearing of cloths etc. and also seeking medical help in some cases. As per 'Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands', 2004 no interaction is permitted and only minimum intervention is accorded such as medical help.
- (d) Does not arise, in view of the reply given at 'C' above.
- (e) The "Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956" and the "Policy on Jarawa Tribe of Andaman Islands, 2004" protects the interests of Jarawas. An area of 1028 Sq. Km in South and Middle Andaman inhabited by the Jarawas has been declared as Tribal Reserve. Exclusive Medical Wards in Primary Health Centers at Tushnabad, Kadamtala and G.P. Pant Hospital, Port Blair are provided for treatment of Jarawas.