

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2616
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POPULATION OF TRIBES IN A & N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the population of Shompen, Sentinelese, Onges, Great Andamanese tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as per 2001 Census separately;
- (b) the total number of births and deaths of respective tribes during the period 2001-09;
- (c) whether there is a decline/stagnation in the population of respective tribes;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration; and
- (f) the details of the per capita expenditure incurred by the A&N Administration during 2008-09, 2009-10 on respective tribes?

Answer

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

(a): As per 2001 Census, the population of the following tribes are as under:

- (i) Shompen 398
- (ii) Sentinelese 39
- (iii) Onges 96
- (iv) Great Andamanese 43

(b): As informed by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, the total number of births and deaths of tribes during the period 2001- 2009 are as below:

year	Shompen	Sentinelese	Onges	Andamanese				
	Birth	Death	Birth	Death	Birth	Death	Birth	Death

2001-02	3	NIL	2					
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2002-03	2	03	0					
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2003-04	2	NIL	2					
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2004-05	3	05	1					
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2005-06	3	04	3					
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2006-07	NA	NA	NA	NA	3	01	4	
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2007-08	3	05	1					
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2009-10 01 3 NIL 1 01

(c): As informed by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, there is no decline in the population of Onges and Andamanese, specific data on Shompens and Sentinelese is not available as no contact is made with these tribes as per Government Policy.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.

(f): As informed by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, the per capita expenditure incurred by A&N Administration during 2008-09 & 2009-10 are as below:

Tribes	Year	Per Capita Expenditure (in Rs.)
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Shompen	08-09	NA
	09-10	NA

Onges	08-09	16,762
	09-10	29,925

Great	08-09	43,135
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Andamanese	09-10	51,763
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Sentinelese	08-09	NA
	09-10	