

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF DRINKING WATER IN A N ISLANDS

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**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received complaints from public representatives regarding acute shortage of drinking water and augmentation thereof in Baratang Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands failed to reply to the said complaints within the rescribed time limit as per the instructions laid down in this regard; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the erring officials in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) to (d): The Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that in response to Hon`ble Member of Parliament`s letters dated 19.3.2012 and 26.7.2012, the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Public Works Department has taken action to augment drinking water facilities to specific areas which are facing acute shortage of drinking water as follows:

i. Providing Galvanized Iron (GI) distribution pipeline to Udaygargh village at Baratang. ii. Check weir with GI pipeline at Roglachang, Baratang. iii. Connecting GI distribution pipeline to Abhaygarh village at Baratang.

Andaman and Nicobar Administration has informed that they have issued instructions to send replies within the time prescribed.