

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5702
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2012
SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER IN A N ISLANDS
Ray Shri Bishnu Pada

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

- (a) whether the Government has received complaints from public representatives regarding laying of main pipeline for supply of drinking water from Karmatang hillocks to Pokkadera Pump House in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands failed to reply to the said complaints 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): In response to Hon`ble Member of Parliament`s letters dated 14.11.2011 and 26.3.2012 an assessment was carried out by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Public Works Department and it was found that the size of the existing pipeline is adequate to convey the water that is available from the existing source and as such there is no requirement for laying another pipeline. The same was informed by Andaman & Nicobar Administration letter dated 7.5.2012.

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