

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2560  
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RADAR IN A&N ISLANDS  
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision that no radar will be installed on one of the Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) Islands;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints against putting up a radar at the cost of Narcondam Hornbills; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Due to perceived adverse impact on the habitat of the highly endemic Narcondam Hornbills, Ministry of Environment & Forests has not accorded necessary clearance for setting up of a Radar Station at Narcondam in A&N Islands. One complaint by Shri Lavkumar Khachar in this regard highlighting the issue of Narcondam Hornbills, has been received.