

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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THREAT TO ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the influx of population in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is posing a serious threat to its fragile ecology and environment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being contemplated to neutralize the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c): The population of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as per 1991 and 2001 Census is 2,80,661 and 3,56,152 respectively. There are no data on the influx of population in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and no studies have been conducted on the adverse effects of increase of population on the fragile ecology and environment of the Islands. For the protection of Coastal environment, the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification has been issued under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The Notification regulates all the developmental activities along the coastline.