

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EARTH SCIENCES  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1089  
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EARTHQUAKE IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR  
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

**Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a strong earthquake struck Andaman & Nicobar Islands few months ago;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the damage caused to life and property in the earthquake?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes Madam.

(b) An earthquake occurred at Andaman Islands at 01:26hrs (IST) with great intensity of 7.8 magnitudes on 11th August 2009. The location of the epicenter was 14.1°N latitude and 93.0°E longitude, 270 km to the North of Port Blair over the Andaman Sea. No Tsunami was generated.

(c) No damage to life and property occurred in Nicobar and south Andaman district. In the north and middle Andaman district, however, marginal damage occurred to eight residential government quarters at Diglipur and the Public Works Department has declared these quarters as unsafe for occupation. Cracks were also developed in General Post Office building as well as some private buildings/shops in Diglipur, Kalighat and Aerial Bay area. No casualties were reported in north and middle Andaman district and power supply, telecommunication and water supply were reported to be normal.