

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1762
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CONSTRUCTION OF SLUICE GATE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for construction of sluice gate post-tsunami as recommended by M.S. Swaminathan Foundation to reclaim the Agriculture land in Southern Group of Islands and Great Nicobar Islands of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands,
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said gate is likely to be constructed;
- (c) the total funds received under TRP since 2005 by Andaman and Nicobar Administration;
- (d) the total expenditure incurred so far by Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) and PRIs;
- (e) the total agriculture land physically reclaimed so far, gram panchayat-wise; and
- (f) the total funds lying unspent with the Administration and since when?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

- (a): The A&N Administration has intimated that a report was submitted by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation to Administration titled: Action Plan for Development of post-tsunami "New Andamans" during May, 2005. However, there is no specific recommendation in the Report regarding the construction of sluice gates to reclaim the Agriculture land in Southern Group of Islands and Great Nicobar Islands of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- (b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c): The details of the funds released under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package (RGRP) & Additional Central Assistance (ACA) against the funds received is as follows:

RGRP

Year Funds released
(In Crore)

2004-2005 125.02
2005-2006 356.92
2006-2007 89.16

ACA

2006-2007 375.43
2007-2008 546.60
2008-2009 840.16
2009-2010 647.77
2010-2011 101.68

- (d): As intimated by A&N Administration, Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) and PRIs have incurred expenditure to the tune of Rs. 1973.17 crore and Rs. 10.00 crore respectively

The Panchayat wise details are as below:

South Andaman - 314.10 ha
Little Andaman - 117.00 ha
Rangat - 73.00 ha
Mayabunder - 46.00 ha
Diglipur - 70.20 ha
Car Nicobar - 968.00 ha
Kamorta - 934.57 ha
Teressa - 776.12 ha
Katchal - 923.33 ha
Campbell Bay - 175.57 ha
Total - 4397.89 ha

(f): The information is being collected from A&N Administration.