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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

Subject: Tsunami impact (26th December 2004) in A & N Islands, UT of Pondicherry and other coastal States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala –Relief, Rehabilitation and other follow up measures

An All Party meeting was convened on 9th January 2005 to discuss the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the Tsunami affected areas and assistance provided to the neighbouring countries in the region affected by the Tsunami. The Government informed that a Bill will be introduced in the Parliament during the coming Budget Session for establishing the National Disaster Management Authority and the Central Legislation on Disaster Management in the country. The Ministry of Science and Technology will also initiate action for setting up the Tsunami Warning Centre. The team of experts will also be deputed to carry out the Geo-oceanography Study of Islands in the Nicobar Group of Islands. The Government also assured of a comprehensive relief package for the Tsunami affected families to enable them to re-start a secured normal life.

2. The Tsunamis have caused extensive damage in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and UT of Pondicherry. 123 aftershocks have been reported so far (112 between >5.0-6.0< and 11 are > 6.0 on Richter scale). The death toll is at 10,151. The total number of missing persons is at 5628 of which 5542 are from A&N Islands, who are feared to be dead. The details of deaths, missing and relief camps are in [Annexure I](#). The details of damage to crops, dwelling units and population affected are in [Annexure-II](#).

3. All the three Ministries namely Civil Aviation, Railways and Shipping have issued instructions for transporting the relief material to the Tsunami affected areas free of cost, if the consignees are the Relief Commissioner/District Magistrate of the affected States/UTs and the relief material is in the form of donation and is at no cost to them. On this term, the facility of free transport can also be availed by the NGOs, Trusts and other Organisations including Corporate Sector to provide the relief material including material for rehabilitation and reconstruction. The State Governments have requested that old and used clothes may not be sent as relief materials.

4. A total of 3371.70 MT relief materials (882.34 MT by Air and 2489.36 MT by ship) has been delivered to A&N Islands comprising of 826.33 MT food items, 749.64 MT drinking water, 114.55 MT medicines/disinfectant, 11,037 tents, 38,763 torches, 715 Gen. Sets, 82 Pump sets and 3 Desalination Plants. The movement status of relief material for all affected States/ UTs is in [Annexure-III](#).

5. The efforts of the Government of India in brief are at [Annexure IV](#).

6. The situation report can also be viewed at www.ndmindia.nic.in.

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ANNEXURE-I**MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
NDM DIVISION**Human lives lost in the wake of Tsunami/ Tide Wave in the Bay of Bengal- 26th December 2004

Name of States/ UT/	Districts/Islands	Population (Total for A&N/Affected for others)	Human lives lost	Total Persons missing incldg fisher men	Persons moved to safer places	No. of Relief Camps/persons in the camps
A & N Islands	Bambooka	55	00	17	00	Evacuated
	Car Nicobar	20292	466	491	7774	53/12894
	Chowara	1385	41	15	11	Evacuated
	Great Nicobar/ Campbell Bay	7566	102	16	1262	14/4328
	Kondul	150	38		200	Evacuated
	Kamorta	3412	48	390	312	4/1476
	Katchal	5312	303	4354	269	3/3228
	Little Andaman	17528	50	15	4263	7/ 6569
	Little Nicobar	353	43			Evacuated
	Middle Andaman	54385	03			
	Nancowry	927	01	01		2/ 934
	Pilmillow	145	163		222	Evacuated
	Trinket	432	03	234		Evacuated
	Terassa	2026	50	9		9/3296
	South Andaman includes Port Blair	181949	05		3274	13/4330
	Strait Island	42	00	00	29	
	Total	295959	1316	5542*	17616	105/37055
Andhra Pradesh	Krishna	13061	27			
	Guntur	30700	12			
	Nellore	16578	20			
	Parkasham	92547	35			
	West Godavari	2395	08			
	East Godavari	7836	03			
	Visakhapatnam	33203	00			
	Total	196320	105	11	34,264	People gone back. All 65 Relief Camps closed
Kerala	Kollam	600000	131			
	Allappuzha	400000	35			
	Ernakulam	300000	5			
	Total	1300000	171		24978	29/24978

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Tamil Nadu	Chennai	65322	206		30000	25/ 30000
	Cuddalore	99704	612		61054	38/24204
	Kancheepuram	100000	128		60000	44/ 28792
	Kanyakumari	187650	824		46280	62/ 41250
	Nagapattinam	196184	6051		196184	96/91036
	Pudukottai	66350	15		4857	7/ 4857
	Ramanathapuram	6815	6		8350	36/ 8350
	Tirunelveli	27948	4		11170	20/11170
	Thoothukudi	13072	3		13072	23/11625
	Thiruvallur	25600	29		15600	13/4700
	Thanjavur	24000	26		4600	13/ 4600
	Tiruvarur	NA	17		11295	21/ 11295
	Villupuram	78240	47		37500	14/37500
	Total	890885	7968		499962	412/ 309379
Pondicherry	Karaikal	17432	484	66	15000	22/ 5200
	Pondicherry	26000	107	9	55000	26/ 900
	Total	43432	591	75	70,000	48/ 6100
	Grand Total	2726596	10151	5628	646820	594/377512

*Information is based on the Survey being undertaken of inhabited Islands .

Annexure -II

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DETAILS OF IMPACT OF THE TSUNAMIS OF 26TH DECEMBER 2004 – ON THE MAIN LAND STATES

Details	Andhra Pradesh	Kerala	Tamil Nadu	Pondicherry	Total
1	2	3	4	5	7
Coastal Length affected in Km	985	250	1000	25	2260
Penetration of water into main	0.50-2.0	1-2	1-1.5	0.30-3.0	

land in Km.					
Average height of the tidal wave	5 Mtrs.	3-5 Mtrs.	7-10 Mtrs.	10 Mtrs.	
No. of Villages affected	301	187	376	33	897
Population affected (in lakh)	1.96	13.00	8.90	0.43	24.29
Dwelling units	1557	17381	128394	10061	157393
Cattle lost	195	NR	9559	506	10260
Cropped area (Ha)	790	NR	10245	792	10260
Boats damaged (nos.)	1362	10065	45920	6678	74025

Note:- The Tsunamis have caused extensive damage in Nicobar Islands , which will require more or less rebuilt/ reconstruction.

ANNEXURE-III

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Status of Relief resources movement (All affected States/ UT)

Overall Lifting Position

Total stock lifted as on 10.01.2005 at 0900 hrs	4516.46 MT (905.58 MT by Air, 2489.96 MT by Ship, 1121.20 MT by Train)
Total stock lifted as on 11.01.2005 at 0900 hrs.	4735.01 MT (918.25 MT by Air, 2695.26 by Ship, 1121.20 MT by Train)
Stock planned to be lifted as on 11.01.2005	320 MT (70 MT by Air, 250 MT by Ship)

Status of Relief Materials Movement

Item	Total resources mobilized (MT)	Cumulative lifting/ delivery (MT)	Lifted/ Delivered on 10 th Jan. 2005	Pipeline (MT)
Food items	1761.95	1699.05	55.77	62.90
Water	894.64	850.64	10.50	44.00
Emergency medicines/disinfectants	145.87	130.67	5.40	15.20
Tentage	532.59	380.59	2.00	152.00
Clothing	301.55	241.87	5.70	59.68
Lighting material	33.52	33.51	0.00	0.01
Diesel Gen. Sets./pumps	142.00	108.00	0.00	34.00
House hold items	240.29	121.79	5.50	118.50
Equip. & Machinery	1284.90	1168.90	133.40	116.00
Total	5337.30	4735.01	218.27	602.29

Status of delivery of High Priority Items

Item	Cumulative stock dispatched	Dispatched/ delivered as on 10.01.05	Planned for dispatch 11.01.05
Water (MT)	862	11	50
Food Packets(MT)	96	9	20
Food Stuff (MT)	1659	47	40
Small Tents (No.)	11187	80	300
Large Tents (No.)	1918	0	100
Torches	45163	0	500
Generators	715	0	20
Pump Sets	82	0	10
Desalination Plant (No.)	3	0	0
Vehicles (Nos.)	4	4	5

Status of deployment of Public Health/disaster management/ and Volunteer Teams

Type (number of persons)	Mobilized	Deployed
Specialized Medical Intervention Teams	148	148
Disaster Response Teams	2222	2156
Disaster Volunteers Teams	100	100
Total	2470	2404

No. of Aircrafts made available as on:

(i) 09.01.05	: 1 MHA Aircraft (Blue Dart) , 1 Alliance Aircraft
(ii) 10.1.05	: 1 IL-76, 1 Alliance Aircraft and 1 MHA Aircraft (Blue Dart)

ANNEXURE- IV

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Tsunami impact (26th December 2004) in A &N Islands, UT of Pondicherry and other coastal States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala – Relief, Response and Rehabilitation measures by Government of India

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The Tsunamis affected a total of 2260 Kms. of the coast line besides the entire Nicobar Islands. The tidal waves on the mainland were of the height of 3 to 10 meters. These penetrated into the mainland from 300 meters to 3 Kms. The Tsunami phenomenon was experienced for the first time in the country. This was caused because of earthquake on 26.12.2004 at 0629 hrs. which was of high magnitude and intensity of >8 (8.6)MW scale off West Coast of Sumatra Islands (Indonesia). Subsequently, there was an earthquake off coast of Great Nicobar Islands with magnitude of > 6.5 (MW) at 0952 hrs. IST on 26.12.2004.

The Cabinet reviewed the situation on 27.12.2004 and emphasized the need of providing all the required help to the people in the affected areas. The Group of Ministers has been set under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister to review the relief and rehabilitation efforts on continued basis.

The National Crises Management Committee under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary is reviewing the relief and rehabilitation measures with the Secretaries of the concerned Ministries/Departments and Chiefs of the Armed Forces.

The Prime Minister visited A&N Islands on 8th January 2005. An amount of Rs. 200 crore will be released to A&N Administration for implementing immediate rehabilitation measures. Of the above amount, Rs. 60 crore is estimated to cost on provision of food for affected families, Rs. 25 crore for about 10,000 temporary houses, Rs. 10 crore for wage employment programme and Rs. 10 crore to tribal council for restoration of communication hall and social infrastructure. School examinations for class X and XII will be held a few months later for those children who opt for this.

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An Ex-gratia of Rs.1.00 lakh has been announced to the next of the kin of the deceased from the PM National Relief Fund, in addition to the assistance available from the National Contingency Relief Fund. The National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) has been

augmented by Rs. 500.00 crore. The Cabinet has also decided to donate one-month salary to the PM National Relief Fund. The Prime Minister has appealed to the people donate generously to the PM National Relief Fund and also requested the Government employees to contribute at least a day's salary besides the speedy consideration of the proposal for established National Disaster Management Agency

An Integrated Relief Command (IRC) for the Andaman & Nicobar Groups of Islands was set up and has become operational.

The UPA Chairperson, Prime Minister, Home Minister, Defence Minister, other Union Ministers, leaders of political parties and Members of Parliament have visited the affected areas.

Ministry of Home Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs being the nodal Ministry has been coordinating the relief, response and rehabilitation measures with the affected States/ UTs, the Central Ministries/Departments providing emergency support including the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces and the other States and NGOs. The MHA Control Room has been functioning round the clock and coordinating the relief and response responsibilities. The Ministry is coordinating the mobilization resources and their dispatches and other logistics.

Rs. 250 crore to Tamil Nadu, Rs. 100 crore each to AP and Kerala have been provided from NCCF. Separately Rs. 35 crore to Pondicherry and Rs. 100 crore (now increased to Rs. 200 crore) to A&N Islands has been given.

Three Inter-Ministerial Teams each headed by a Joint Secretary of MHA and under the overall supervision of the Secretary (BM), Ministry of Home Affairs inter alia including members of Ministries/Departments of Animal Husband (Fisheries), Agriculture, Rural Development, Tele-communication, Power, Shipping, Drinking Water Supply, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways visited the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala and Pondicherry from 4-6th January ,2005 to have an on the spot assessment of the situation and requirements of Central assistance for relief and rehabilitation. These States/UTs have projected the damage/ reconstruction cost at Rs 7000 crore (US Dollar 1.56 billion). The detailed damage assessment for A&N Islands is being made where the Nicobar Group of Islands will require more or less re-building.

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2107 personnel of Central Para Military Forces drawn from CRPF, CISF, ITBP, BSF and RAF (these comprise of specialists teams from CISF and ITBP who are also Medical First Responders) were deployed for search and rescue operation, road clearance, disposal of dead bodies, sanitation activities like spraying bleaching powder, DDT, Phenyl in relief camps, distribution of relief materials, unloading and guarding of relief materials etc. The deployment is now 167 (CRPF-605, CISF-243, ITBP-203, BSF-377, RAF-246). The CPMF have provided medical first response to 973 persons, evacuated 3703 persons and 300 dead bodies were cremated/ buried.

2. Ministry of Defence:

The Armed Forces have launched operation "Sea Waves" for relief, rescue and evacuation in the wake of Tsunami disaster which has been coordinated by Integrated Defence Staff (IDS). The aircrafts have undertaken 444 sorties for A&N Islands, 41 sorties for main land States. 9,284 people were evacuated including 7,419 civilians and 1,865 service personnel in A&N Islands. 19,450 personnel were evacuated in Tsunami hit main land states. Under operation "Rainbow" for Sri Lanka, 230 sorties have been undertaken and 181 personnel evacuated. Under Operation "Castor" for Maldives 50 sorties were under and 15 peoples were evacuated from outlying Islands. 24 ships, 16 helicopters and 5 fixed wing aircrafts of the Indian Navy are engaged in relief operations, deploying 4,500 naval personnel. Approximately 680 tones of relief supply (like tents, generator sets, desalination plants, blankets etc.) including 300 tones of provisions and 11 tones of medicines have been delivered by the Naval Ships and Aircrafts to the affected area Under operation "Gambhir" for Indonesia, the Navy has provided relief materials besides running a medical camp. The Navy in its efforts has also been supported by the ships, Dornier Aircrafts and personnel of the Indian Coast Guard.

3. Ministry of Health:

Ministry of Health is constantly monitoring the situation and there are no reports of any epidemic so far. A Control Room is working round the clock in the Ministry to provide necessary support to the Tsunami affected States/UTs. At present 10 Public Health Specialists, Clinicians, General duty Medical Officers including Psychiatricians are attending to healthcare in Pondicherry, 28 in Tamil Nadu, 2 in Addhra Pradesh and 58 in A &N Islands. They are being

assisted by 104 supporting staff including Staff Nurses, Sanitary Inspectors, Laboratory Technicians, Paramedics and Dialysis Technicians. Of these 89 are deployed in A&N Islands. In the A&N Islands 148 health facilities are functional and a total of 14,368 patients have been treated. Total patients treated in all the five States/UTs is 22,938. All children between 6 months to 5 years of age are being vaccinated for measles and being given recommended doses of Vitamin-A supplement. Health Ministry is also arranging 17 fogging machines with operators to address the problems of Mosquitoes. Medicines valued at Rs. 1 crore have been supplied to the A&N Islands.

4. Ministry of Shipping:

The Shipping Corporation of India has made 27 berthing position (Harbour/Jetties) functional out of 49. Three Jetties; one each at Car Nicobar, Nancowry (Kamorta) and Nancowry (Champin) are fit for operations. 11 commercial ships have been sent from main land ex- Chennai, Kolkata, Haldia and Vizag carrying relief supplies. Out of 65 inter island vessel of A&N Administration, 40 vessels are operational, 18 vessels are not operational due to annual repairs and 7 vessels were damaged in Tsunami. 18 vessels are plying between Port Blair and Mayabunder, Havelock, Baratang, Diglipur, Neil Island, Rangat, Hut Bay, Long Island and Campbell Bay. 6 private vessels are in operation between Port Blair and Rangat, Havelock, Diglipur, Mayabunder and Neil Islands. Out of 30 number of light houses in A&N Islands only 2 are functioning in South Andaman and East Islands. It is estimated that an amount of Rs. 304 crores will be required to restore the damages to the shipping sector in the Islands.

Special teams have been deputed along with necessary materials required for repairs of damage structures at Hut Bay Wharf, Campbell Bay and Mus. 2 boats each at Kamotra, Nancowry and Champin have been provided for inter-Island movement within Nancowry Group of Islands. Work for restoration of dry-dock No.2 has already been started at Port Blair

The Ministry have issued instructions for transporting the relief material to the Tsunami affected areas free of cost, if the consignees are the Relief Commissioner/District Magistrate of the affected States/UTs and the relief material is in the form of donation and is at no cost to them. On this term, the facility of free transport can also be availed by the NGOs, Trusts and other Organisations including Corporate Sector to provide the relief material including material for rehabilitation and reconstruction.

5. Ministry of Telecommunication:

Ministry of Telecommunication have undertaken measures to restore the communication facilities in A&N Islands. Telephone exchanges in North Middle and South Group of Islands are now functional. In Little Andaman Island telephone exchanges are functioning partially and Hut Bay is still to be restored. In Great Nicobar Islands, lines exchange are working in Campbell Bay. In Car Nicobar Islands, the exchange lines are working in Car Nicobar and Kamorta partially. 2 Mb Satellite Equipment has been commissioned at Car Nicobar. Free STD telephone booths have been provided at 11 relief camps at Port Blair. INMARSAT has been commissioned at Teressa. However, all the 8 Islands where relief camps are being run are now linked with point-to-point communication through Satellite phones, HAM Radio and Police Wireless. The armed forces have also set up the communication links.

6. Ministry of Power:

21 DG sets – of 7.5 KVA, 6 of 10 KVA and 10 of 15 KVA have been installed; Teressa (5), Katchall (9), Car Nicobar (4) and Choawra (3). One 15 KVA and another 5 KVA DG sets were made operational at Hut Bay.

300 small DG sets were installed in Car Nicobar (119), Kamorta (55), Campbell Bay (35), Katchal (20), Teressa (10) and Hut Bay (61).

20 Nos. 21.5 KVA trolley mounted DG sets have been put up at Car Nicobar (10), and 10 Kamorta and Campbell Bay.

Power supply restored in Rut Land on 6.1.05 evening. Electricity supply given to 40 Relief Camps, Street light, Medic centres, Communication centres, water supply system in Car Nicobar Island on 7.1.05. Electricity supply given to Relief camps, Jetty/Harbar at Nancowry on 7.1.05

The Generating unit at Kalapakkam Atomic Power Station of NHPC has been made operational on full load last evening – This has improved power supply in North Andaman.

7. Department of Drinking Water Supply:

A joint team of Department of Drinking Water Supply and Ministry of Water Resources is making assessment of damages and chalking out restoration plan for A&N Islands. 90% water supply has been restored in Port Blair, South Andaman Rural, Rangat and 80% in Mayabandar and Wimberlegunj, 60% each at Kadamtal and Degreepur and 50% at Campbell Bay. Restoration work is progress in other Islands except Katchal where assessment is awaited.

8. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas:

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is meeting the full demand of POL. The status of POL supplies in Andaman Nicobar Islands as on 10.1.2005 is as under:

Product	Stock (KL)	Cover (No. of days)
MS (Petrol)	738	25
SKO (Kerosene)	920	37
HSD (Diesel)	9566	27
ATF Andaman	1640	12
Car Nicobar	282	18
LPG (MT)	112	06

LPG stocks are being replenished on priority. LPG tanker is expected to reach Port Blair on 11.1.2005. This would provide 75 days' cover. Full demand of products is being met. A team of officers of IOC is camping in Port Blair to monitor the stocks and supplies. Fresh stocks of MS, HSD, SKO and ATF would be dispatched from Haldia through M Harsha and are expected to reach Port Blair on 13.1.2005. POL products are being regularly transported to other Islands also in barrels as per the requirement conveyed by the administration, and there is no report of non-availability of products.

9. Ministry of Civil Aviation:

The Airport at Port Blair is now fully operational. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (Indian Air Lines and Jet Airways) have undertaken 117 flights including 19 flights for Cargo. They have brought out 7910 passengers and 246 infants ex-Port Blair. They have airlifted a cargo load of 362.5 MT to Port Blair.

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10. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways:

As per the field reports received by the Ministry Road Transport and Highways, 162 Km. of National Highways and 46 Km. of State/district Highways, 7 bridges and 34 culverts have been damaged due to Tsunami in all mainland States/UTs. 14 permanent Bailey bridges have been mobilized for A&N Islands besides Cement and GI/Steel pipes for resonation of road links. The ship carrying the Bailey bridges has reached Port Blair and being offloaded.

11. Ministry of Railways:

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Trusts and other Organisations including Corporate Sector to provide the relief material including material for rehabilitation and reconstruction.

12. Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs:

The Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs have established 390 work camps for relief and response in the affected States/UTs. 450 Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan volunteers are engaged in 20 relief centers in A&N Islands. The Ministry have allocated Rs. 3.41 crore for relief and rescue by the volunteers.

13. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Action have initiated set up a Child Help Line at Port Blair by Childline India Foundation Mumbai and its partner organization PRAYAS Delhi for providing shelter, food, medicines and counseling to children in distress. One short stay home for women is functioning in South Andaman and the office of Secretary of A&N Social Welfare Board is being used as a home for women and children. Two officials including medical specialists have been providing assistance in A&N Islands. A team of officers has been sent to Pondicherry and Kerala to coordinate with UT Administration and NGOs for long term rehabilitation of affected women and children. Two short stay home set up by the Department of Women and Child Development have been authorized for Tsunami victims. Childline India Foundation is also setting a Child Help Line in Pondicherry. A team of officers is also visiting Tamil Nadu for coordinating with State Government and NGOs for long terms rehabilitation of affected women and children. 41 short stay homes for women set up in Tamil Nadu have been authorized to take Tsunami victims.

Central Adoption Resource Authority recognized placement agencies in all the affected States/UTs for adoption are being advised to take in orphan children for providing care and protection to the children and after ascertaining that they are free for adoption, making efforts for their adoption with the State/Country. The expenditure on their maintenance will be made by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The District Disability Rehabilitation Centre in the affected States/UTs have been made responsible for providing aids and appliances for the disabled persons. Director, National Institute for Mentally Handicapped has been camping at Chennai to coordinate relief work relating to disabled persons. A team of rehabilitation psychologists has been camping at Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu for psychological intervention to the suffering persons and trained local people on counseling.

14. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

All the primitive tribes (Aboriginals) are reported to be safe except Nicobaris. Ministry of Tribal Affairs have deputed teams to collect hamlet wise status. The details are as under:

Aboriginal (Tribe Name)	Population as per 2001 Census	Location/ Island Name	Present Status
Andamanese	43	Strait Island	-Safe in Adi Basera, Port Blair (41 and 5 children at VKV hostel) - 2 female children and Shri Jirake, Chief in G.B. Pant Hospital on 05.1.05 & 06.1.05
Onges	96	Little Island	-Safe in Little Andaman. 5 Onges at G.B. Pant Hospital since 23.12.04
Jarawas	240	Middle/South Andaman	Safe in the habitat. 3 in G.B. Pant Hospital since 22.12.04.
Sentinelese	39	North Sentinel	32 were seen on 30 th December, 2004
Shompens	398	Great Nicobar	Reported to be safe.
Nicobaris	28653	Nicobars	1151 (approx) lives lost – 5580 missing (estimated)

15. Ministry of Science & Technology and IMD:

The India Metrological Department (IMD) is providing the weather forecast and monitoring the seismic activity on a continuous basis. The Ministry of Science and Technology is organizing brainstorming session in a workshop on 21st at 22nd January 2005 in Delhi to evolve a road map for Tsunami early warning system.

16. Ministry of Rural Development:

The Ministry of Rural Development has released the Central share of allocation of funds under Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) for the year 2004-05 to the States of Andhra Pradesh (Rs. 85.43 crore), Kerala(Rs. 27.29 crore), Tamil Nadu (Rs 48.41 crore), A& N Islands (Rs. 3.53 crore) and Pondicherry (Rs. 1.08 crore). Additional Central assistance approved by the Cabinet for construction/reconstruction of damaged houses in the rural areas would be released after the receipt of the report of the Central Teams.

17. Ministry of External Affairs:

Teleconferences among members of the Core Group on Tsunami Relief that took place among the representatives of US, Australia, Japan and India on 31st, 2004 and on 1st January,2005 discussed the matter relating to relief supplies in the tsunami affected countries.

As per the reports from Indian Mission, 7 Indian national have died and 12-15 are reported missing in Sri Lanka; one in Maldives, 3 in Thailand and 2 in Indonesia.

Other States:

The relief supplies from the States have been lifted for Car Nicobar, Sri Lanka and Maldives. The States of Karnataka (Rs. 5.00 crore) Maharashtra(Rs. 5.00 crore), Gujarat (Rs.7.00 crore) and NCT of Delhi(Rs.2.00) have announced the cash relief to the affected States/UTs. The Relief Assistance from States is as under:

Karnataka: 302.83 MT of relief materials worth Rs. 14.50 crore.

Maharashtra: 792 MT of relief materials

Orissa: 170.35 MT of relief materials

West Bengal: 111.20 MT of relief materials

Delhi: 151.90 MT of relief materials

MP: 7.0 MT of relief materials
