

No.32-5/2004-NDM-I  
Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs

**Subject: Tsunami impact (26<sup>th</sup> 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**

The Tsunamis have caused extensive damage in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu and UT of Pondicherry. Aftershock activity is still continuing and 125 aftershocks have been reported so far (114 between >5.0-6.0< and 11 are > 6.0 on Richter scale). The death toll is at 10327. 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](#). Now the focus is mainly on providing temporary houses for those who have lost houses, provide wage employment, restore infrastructure and rehabilitate the affected people so that they can begin their normal lives.

2. The Ministry of Railways have been 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. The affected State Governments/UT Administrations and Ministry of Railways have been requested that relief material booked by the recognized political parties may be handed over to them for distribution in the affected areas if they so desire. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been further requested to extend all necessary help and facilitate distribution of relief materials by the concerned political parties.

3. The affected States/UTs have been sensitized about the apprehension of orphaned children being trafficked. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to keep vigilance about the safety of the children who have been orphaned and women who have been widowed in the Tsunami and prepare list of such orphaned children and widows and monitor their welfare.

4. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has taken up various measures for relief and rehabilitation of women, children and disabled people affected by Tsunami. Child Helplines have been set up, Short Stay Home for women have been opened; senior officials are coordinating with NGO's and State Governments for long-term rehabilitation of affected women and children. Central Adoption Resource Authority recognized agencies for adoption are being advised to provide care and protection to the orphans and make efforts for their adoption within the State/Country. District Disability Rehabilitation Centres in the affected States/UTs have been made responsible for providing aids and appliances for the disabled persons.

5. A total of 4887.18 MT relief materials (923.91 MT by Air and 2866.34 MT by ship) has been dispatched/delivered to A&N Islands comprising of 1205.88 MT food items, 1149.64 MT drinking water, 159.75 MT medicines/disinfectant, 12,047 tents, 53,763 torches, 733 Gen. Sets, 82 Pump sets and 3 Desalination Plants etc. The movement status of relief material for all affected States/ UTs is in [Annexure-III](#).

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

7. The situation report can also be viewed at [www.ndmindia.nic.in](http://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- 26<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>A &amp; N Islands</b>	Bambooka	55	00	17	00	Evacuated
	Car Nicobar	20292	642	491	7778	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	277	3/3228
	Little Andaman	17528	50	15	4286	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		3368	13/4539
	Strait Island	42	00	00	29	
<b>Total</b>		<b>295959</b>	<b>1492</b>	<b>5542*</b>	<b>17745</b>	<b>105/37264</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Krishna	13061	27			
	Guntur	30700	12			
	Nellore	16578	20			
	Parkasham	92547	35			
	West Godavari	2395	08			
	East Godavari	7836	03			
	Visakhapatnam	33203	00			
<b>Total</b>		<b>196320</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>34,264</b>	<b>People gone back. All 65</b>

						Relief Camps closed
Kerala	Kollam	600000	131			
	Allappuzha	400000	35			
	Ernakulam	300000	5			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1300000</b>	<b>171</b>		<b>24978</b>	<b>29/24978</b>

Name of States/ UT/	Districts/Islands	Population	Human lives Lost	Total Persons missing incldg fisher men	Persons moved to safer places	No. of Relief Camps/persons in the camps
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	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
	<b>Total</b>	<b>890885</b>	<b>7968</b>		<b>499962</b>	<b>412/ 309379</b>
<b>Pondi chery</b>	Karaikal	17432	484	66	15000	22/ 5200
	Pondicherry	26000	107	9	55000	26/ 900
	<b>Total</b>	<b>43432</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>48/ 6100</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2726596</b>	<b>10327</b>	<b>5628</b>	<b>646949</b>	<b>594/377721</b>

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

## Annexure -II

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NDM Division

DETAILS OF IMPACT OF THE TSUNAMIS OF 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 land in Km.	0.50-2.0	1-2	1-1.5	0.30-3.0	
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 11.01.2005 at 0900 hrs	4735.01 MT (918.25 MT by Air, 2695.26 MT by Ship, 1121.20 MT by Train)
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Total stock lifted as on 12.01.2005 at 0900 hrs.	6031.52 MT (947.15 MT by Air, 2866.94 by Ship, 2217.20 MT by Train)
Stock planned to be lifted as on 12.01.2005	300 MT (50 MT by Air, 250 MT by Ship)

### Status of Relief Materials Movement

Item	Total resources mobilized (MT)	Lifted/ Delivered on 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2005	Cumulative lifting/ delivery (MT)	Pipeline (MT)
Food items	2141.50	379.55	2078.60	62.90
Water	1294.64	400.00	1250.64	44.00
Emergency medicines/disinfectants	191.07	45.20	175.87	15.20
Tentage	559.19	26.60	407.19	152.00
Clothing	518.55	217.00	458.87	59.68
Lighting material	48.52	15.00	48.51	0.01
Diesel Gen. Sets./pumps	178.00	36.00	144.00	34.00
House hold items	283.59	43.30	165.09	118.50
Equip. & Machinery	1418.77	133.87	1302.77	116.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>6633.81</b>	<b>1296.52</b>	<b>6031.52</b>	<b>602.29</b>

### Status of delivery of High Priority Items

Item	Cumulative stock dispatched	Dispatched/ delivered as on 11.01.05	Planned for dispatch 12.01.05
Water (MT)	1251	400	50
Food Packets(MT)	156	60	20
Food Stuff (MT)	1923	300	40
Small Tents (No.)	11797	610	300
Large Tents (No.)	2318	400	100
Torches	60163	15000	500
Generators	733	18	20
Pump Sets	82	0	10
Desalination Plant (No.)	3	0	0
Vehicles (Nos.)	4	0	8

### 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	2156	2156
Disaster Volunteers Teams	100	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>2404</b>	<b>2404</b>

### No. of Aircrafts made available as on:

(i) 10.01.05	: 1 MHA Aircraft (Blue Dart) , 1 Alliance Aircraft
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(ii) 11.1.05 : 1 IL-76, 1 AN-32 & 1 Alliance Aircraft

#### ANNEXURE- IV

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### **Tsunami impact (26<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

An All Party meeting was convened on 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 of resources and their dispatches and other logistics.

The affected State Governments/UT Administrations and Ministry of Railways have been requested that delivery of the relief materials by the Ministry of Railways booked by the recognized political parties may be made to the concerned District Magistrate/Relief Commissioner and then handed over to the political parties which the consigner for distribution in the affected areas if they so desire. The State Government/UT Administrations have been further requested to extend all necessary help and facilitate the distribution of the relief materials by concerned political parties.

The affected States/UTs have been sensitized about the apprehension of orphaned children being trafficked. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to keep vigilance about the safety of the children who have been orphaned and women who have been widowed in the Tsunami and prepare list of such orphaned children and widows and monitor their welfare.

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 Husbandry (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 4-6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 1556 (CRPF-605, CISF-243, ITBP-85, 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). 5 ships are deployed in Nicobar Group of Island , 4 in Nancowry Group, 34 LCU in Car Nicobar and 2 in Little Andaman. 5 army columns are engaged in Tamil Nadu and 5 in Kerala. 656 MT of relief materials has been supplied inter Island with flying efforts of 455 sorties. Since Jetties are usable by small ships, MoD is continuing relief supplies by Naval ships and small local

boats. They are also continuing air dropping by IAF helicopters ex Car Nicobar and by Naval helicopters ex Port Blair in two inaccessible areas. Medical teams have also been deployed. 2 ships are deployed in Tamil Nadu/Pondicherry. 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. 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:**

DGHS is assessing the requirement of medical manpower and supplies. Teams have been constituted and kept in readiness including that of Psychiatrists in all Central Government institutions to be dispatched at short notice. About 94 doctors (consisting of 35 physicians including 6 psychiatrists, 41 General Duty Medical Officers, 18 Public Health Specialists), 24 nurses and 84 paramedics (including fumigators) have been mobilized from Central Government Institutions to the affected areas. Total 25,0094 have been attended by the central medical teams. The disease profile being diarrheal diseases, fever cases, post-tsunami trauma and injuries. The focus is on provision of safe drinking water, proper disposal of excreta, trench latrines and improvement of personal hygiene. A team of 55 doctors consisting of public health specialists, medical specialists and General duty medical officers are deployed by the Central Government to assist the State Government doctors to provide medical relief. The teams from NIMHANS, Bangalore undertook OPD services at Port Blair relief camps for 1200 affected and severely disturbed victims were given treatment. Ministry of Health is constantly monitoring the situation and there are no reports of any epidemic.

### **4. Ministry of Shipping:**

The Shipping Corporation of India has made 27 berthing position (Harbours/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 vessels 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 have been 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. The telephone exchanges in North Middle and South Group of Islands are now functional. In Little Andaman Island the 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. IDR (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 Teresa. All the 8 Islands



where the relief camps are being run are linked with point-to-point communication through Satellite phones, HAM Radio and Police Wireless. The armed forces have also set up the communication links. A new telephone exchange has been physically installed at Bambooflat.

## **6. Ministry of Power:**

Normal power supply is restored at Great Nicobar and Kamorta Islands . Power supply is being made with Gensets at Katchal, Teresa and other Islands . 21 DG sets – of 7.5 KVA, 6 of 10 KVA and 10 of 15 KVA have been installed in these Islands ; Teresa (5), Katchal (9), Car Nicobar (4), Chowra (3). One 15 KVA and another 5 KVA DG sets were made operational at Hut Bay . 119 small DG sets have been operational at Car Nicobar. 300 small DG sets were received of which distribution to Kamorta (88), Campbell Bay (51), Katchal (20), Teresa (15), Port Blair (84) and Hut Bay (14) has been made. 20 Nos. 21.5 KVA trolley mounted DG sets have been put up at Car Nicobar (10), and 10 Kamorta and Campbell Bay . Electricity supply is being given to 40 Relief Camps, Streetlight, Medical centres, Communication centres, water supply system in Car Nicobar Island . 1 unit (1.75 MW) at Kalpong Hydro Power Station of NHPC has been made operational which has improved power supply in North Andaman.

Estimate damage and funds required for permanent restoration/reconstruction of power infrastructure is Rs. 150 crore. In principal approval is being sought from Planning Commission by the Ministry.

## **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 , 30 % Teresa. 80 % water restored through spring and wells in Car Nicobar. 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. LPG stocks are being replenished on priority. 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 MT Harsha and are expected to reach Port Blair on 13.1.2005. Petroleum 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 the 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 462 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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## 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

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has taken up various measures for relief and rehabilitation of women, children and disabled people affected by Tsunami. Child Helplines have been set up, Short Stay Home for women have been opened; senior officials are coordinating with NGO's and State Governments for long-term rehabilitation of affected women and children. Central Adoption Resource Authority recognized agencies for adoption are being advised to provide care and protection to the orphans and make efforts for their adoption within the State/Country. District Disability Rehabilitation Centres 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 person. 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 and on 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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