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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

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 132 aftershocks have been reported so far (121 between >5.0-6.0< and 11 are > 6.0 on Richter scale). The death toll is at 10,744. The total number of missing persons is at 5669 of which 5583 are from A&N Islands, who are feared to be dead. The details of deaths, missing and relief camps are given in the [Annexure](#).

2. The first phase of relief and rescue operations is over in the affected States/UTs except A&N Islands where it will continue for some more days. The focus now is mainly on providing temporary shelters for those who have lost their houses, provide wage employment, restore infrastructure and rehabilitate the affected people so that they can begin their normal life. 17,680 tents have been dispatched to the affected States/UTs of which 15,612 tents have been dispatched to A&N Islands. In addition, CGI sheets are being dispatched/delivered to the affected States/UTs for construction of temporary shelters. 46,375 GI sheets have already been dispatched till 16.1.2005. An order has been placed with Steel Authority of India Limited for supply of 2,94,000 CGI sheets which will be shipped to A&N Islands for construction of temporary shelters.

3. The fishermen of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu braving their grief have resumed fishing activity. More than 40,000 fishermen have ventured into sea in Tamil Nadu itself. The State Governments are making efforts for early resumption of normal life. Most of the schools in the affected areas have been reopened in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Pondicherry. Now the provision shops and schools have started opening in Port Blair. All Relief camps have been closed in Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry. People from relief camps in Kerala and Tamil Nadu have started going back to their villages and numbers of relief camps and persons accommodated in these camps have reduced. However, relief camps in A&N Islands have increased and more people are being accommodated. People in the relief camps are being provided cooked food. There is no report of any scarcity of food, water, medicines etc. Medical teams have been deployed in relief camps and hygiene is being maintained. There is no report of outbreak of any epidemic.

4. A total of 7433.81 MT relief materials have been dispatched/delivered to affected States/UTs of which 5374.52 MT (945.82 MT by Air, 3269.55 MT by ship and 2252.09 by Rail) has been dispatched/delivered to A&N Islands comprising of 1378.38 MT food items, 1161.64 MT drinking water, 174.87 MT medicines/disinfectant, 15,612 tents, 745 Gen. Sets, 92 Pump sets, 3 Desalination Plants and 13 vehicles.

5. The efforts of the Ministries/Departments of Government of India in brief may kindly be seen at <http://www.ndmindia.nic.in/tsunami2004/ministry.htm>

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ANNEXURE

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	768	370	7791	85/15550
	Chowara	1385	41	15	13	Evacuated
	Great Nicobar/ Campbell Bay	7566	336	220	1687	14/4328
	Kondul	150	38			Evacuated
	Kamorta	3412	48	390	700	4/1476
	Katchal	5312	345	4310	277	3/3228
	Little Andaman	17528	50	15	4286	7/ 6569
	Little Nicobar	353	43			Evacuated
	Middle Andaman	54385	03			
	Nancowry	927	01	03		2/ 934
	Pilomillow	145	163			Evacuated
	Trinket	432	03	234		Evacuated
	Terassa	2026	50	9		9/3296
	South Andaman includes Port Blair	181949	05		3569	45/7951
Strait Island	42	00	00	29		
Total		295959	1894	5583*	18352	169/43332
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	00
	Cuddalore	99704	615		61054	2/900
	Kancheepuram	100000	128		60000	00
	Kanyakumari	187650	824		46280	15/ 12423
	Nagapattinam	196184	6060		196184	33/28864
	Pudukottai	66350	15		4857	00
	Ramanathapuram	6815	6		8350	00
	Tirunelveli	27948	4		11170	00
	Thoothukudi	13072	3		13072	00
	Thiruvallur	25600	29		15600	00
	Thanjavur	29278	26		4600	00
	Tiruvarur	NA	20		11295	00
	Villupuram	78240	47		37500	8/020
	Total	896163	7983		499962	58/ 44207
Pondi cherry	Karaikal	17432	484	66	15000	00
	Pondicherry	26000	107	9	55000	00
	Total	43432	591	75	70,000	People gone back. All 48 Relief Camps closed
	Grand Total	27,31,874	10744	5669	6,47,556	256/1,12,517

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