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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, which continued, has reduced gradually and there has been no aftershock of 6.0 and above magnitude on Richter scale after 9th January 2005 . The death toll is at 10,749. The total number of missing persons is at 5640 of which 5554 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 almost over. The State Governments/UT Administrations have already begun rehabilitation measures for the affected people in terms of providing temporary shelters who have lost their houses, providing wage employment, restore infrastructure etc. Detailed damage assessment of the infrastructure is being made and full restoration being planned.

3. The fishermen community has been worst affected and a comprehensive package is under consideration for rehabilitating the affected people by providing dwelling units, fishing boats, fishing nets etc. The concerned State Governments/UT administrations are also making efforts for early resumption of normal life. All schools have reopened in the affected districts of Andhra Pradesh. Most of the schools in the affected areas of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Pondicherry have also been reopened. 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.

4. In A&N Islands, the local administration has resumed normal functioning. Procurement of essential items for relief camps is being made locally. The provision shops and schools have started re-opening in Port Blair. Relief camps in A&N Islands are continuing and people are being provided cooked food. Sufficient food, water, medicines etc. are being provided and medical teams have been deployed in relief camps. The Nicobar Group of Islands would require almost rebuilding of dwelling units. Pending permanent housing arrangements, temporary shelters are being provided. Approximately 40,000 people in the relief camps in A&N Islands would be provided temporary shelters within next one month, much before the onset of monsoon. The Central Government is providing assistance and has dispatched 14386 small (five men) tents and 1226 large (ten men) tents to A&N Islands .

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	344	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	51	387	700	4/1476
	Katchal	5312	345	4310	277	3/3228
	Little Andaman	17528	52	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		3612	45/7992
	Strait Island	42	00	00	29	
	Total	295959	1899	5554*	18395	169/43373
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	10749	5640	6,47,599	256/1,12,558

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

