

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.939  
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

**REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON VARIOUS TOURISTS PLACES**

**939. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has allowed foreign tourists to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands without any restrictions recently and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether this will boost foreign tourist arrivals in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to remove travel restrictions from border areas in Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and if so, the details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a): Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India has relaxed (subject to certain conditions) the Restricted Area Permit (RAP) requirements for foreigners visiting 29 islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under the Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963 for a period till 31.12.2022.**

**(b): It is expected that this will boost foreign tourist arrivals in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.**

**(c): At present, Ministry of Tourism has no such proposal.**

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