

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3846**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025/ SRAVANA 21, 1947 (SAKA)**

**ELECTED PRI MEMBERS OF A&N ISLANDS**

**3846. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is a fact that around 129 elected PRI members of A&N Islands submitted a mass petition and held a dharna on 06.03.2025, raising several public interest demands and expressing dissatisfaction over the alleged neglect towards Islanders' welfare;**

**(b) if so, the issues raised and the action taken or proposed by the Government;**

**(c) whether the People representative from A&N Islands had also raised the matter with the UT Administration; and**

**(d) if so, the response received and if not, the reasons for non-consideration of the elected PRI members' demands?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) to (d): The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has informed that 129 members of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) have submitted a memorandum on 06.03.2025 to the Administration raising several issues, such as, allocation of funds; enhancement of financial powers; water shortage; health care facilities; repair and renovation of rural roads, etc.**

**The raised issues have been considered by the Administration and appropriate action has been taken / instructions have been issued, as per the extant rules.**

**In a democratic set up, the communications between the Administration and elected representatives are regular phenomena for effective governance.**

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