

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2617**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2026/ SHRAVANA 13, 1948 (SAKA)

ISSUE OF ISLANDER CARDS TO THE LEFTOUT GENUINE ISLANDERS

2617. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government received representation from the Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands vide Letter No. 10/MP-ANI/2025/412 dated 31.10.2025, requesting a re-survey and issuance of Islander Cards to the left-out genuine Islanders;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the said representation;

(c) whether the Government proposes to conduct a fresh re-survey for identification of the left-out genuine Islanders and issue Islander Cards to all eligible persons; and

(d) if so, the details and timeline thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d): The Union Territory Administration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has informed that a request for a re-survey and issuance of Islander Cards to the left-out genuine Islanders, has been received from the Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The issue has been dwelt on by the Union Territory Administration. Even in the absence of Islander Cards, genuine residents who are eligible on the basis of the prescribed criteria and notified documents are provided benefits, like sea travel (inter-island and mainland) fare concession, inter-island helicopter travel fare concession, etc.
