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SUMMARY

Andaman & Nicobar islands, a Union Territory of India is situated in the Bay of Bengal about 1200 KM away from the main Indian land mass. The gross geographical area of these islands is 8,213 Sq.km. out of which the forest area is 7,464 Sq.km. (about 90%). According to estimates based on sampling about 1.20 lakh m³ of timber 1 lakh m³ at present. The project envisages annual harvesting of above quantity of timber from little Andaman and Nicobar North where infrastructural facilities have developed adequasy of timber from little Andaman and North Andamans where infrastructural facilities have to start operation in Little Andaman by taking over equip- ment and buildings of the Forest Department who have already established a Division in a small scale. During the third year the areas in North Andaman Islands will be taken up for harvest.

The details of the project area and annual production are as follows:

	Little Andaman (ha)	North Andaman (ha)
1. Geographical area	73,439	1,42,523
2. Area cleared of forests for township, settlement agricultural and plantation crops.	2,503	5,106

minus 52,029
notified as forest
reserve

= land available
outside forest
reserve

Land: 1,42,523 ha
19,600 ha

see PS 4.