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**Material for preparation of reply in respect of Rajya Sabha**  
**Question No. S-4723.**

1. RSQ No. : S-4723  
 2. Raised by : Shri. Kalraj Mishra  
 3. Date of answer : 3.9.2007

Sl.No.	Question	Proposed answer
a)	Whether the committee, constituted by Government, has observed that due to the increasing population and construction activities the existence of adivasis (tribals) on Andaman and Nicobar Islands is in constant danger;	Sofar as this UT is concerned, no such committee has been constituted by the A & N Administration.
b)	If so, the details thereof; and	Does not arise in view of reply at (a) above.
c)	The steps being taken by the Government for the safety of adivasis (tribal) of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?	The A & N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 is in force to protect & Safeguard the interests of the socially and economically backward aboriginal tribes of A & N Islands. The said Regulation prohibits entry of non-tribals into the tribal areas except under the pass issued by the Deputy Commissioner of the respective District. Therefore, due to the PAT Regulation, 1956, the matter to increasing population and construction activities does not affect on the existence of tribals in these Islands. The SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is also in force in this UT.

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 Assistant Commissioner (TW)