

		<p>the matter on 16. .2011 with MoEF expressing its concern as this notification will have serious implication on the overall development of these islands. The issues raised by the Administration such as increasing the No Development Zone (NDZ) from the existing 50 metres to 200 metres, extending the guidelines under the Annexure-III of the notification to ICRZ II areas and the inclusion of Hazard Line in addition to the NDZ have not been addressed by MoEF.</p> <p>☐ MoEF has responded vide its letter dated 01.04.2011 but has not addressed the concerns expressed by the Administration.</p>	25
39.	<p>Repatriation of Bangladeshi National rescued in high sea and lodged in open poachers Camp in A & N Islands.</p>	<p>In the month of December 2008 - January 2009, 413 Bangladesh Nationals (+ Rohingyas) entered Indian Territory by sea route under distress. These persons were attempting to enter Thailand and Malaysia in different vessels when they were reportedly intercepted by the Thai authorities and set adrift after removing the engine of their vessels. Many of them died at sea and the rest were rescued by our Coast Guard and lodged in the Open Poachers / Refugee Camps in our Islands.</p> <p>☐ Out of 413 persons, 224 have already been repatriated to Bangladesh through their High Commission. However the remaining 189 persons have been in our custody since then. Recently (Feb 2011) another 91 persons were rescued, when their boat ran aground.</p> <p>☐ The A & N Administration has repeatedly approached the Ministry of External Affairs for early repatriation of these people.</p> <p>☐ Due to delay in repatriation, Bangladeshi inmates expressed their anguish by hunger strikes on 5 different occasions. Administration have also approached by many Human Right Organisations to take immediate action to repatriate them as they are not poachers and have already undergone a traumatic experience.</p> <p>☐ The nationality of many such persons is difficult to establish as they are illegal migrants from Myanmar to Bangladesh, hence lacking in national identity proof of either nation. However, they have all expressed wish to be sent to Bangladesh from where they started their journey.</p> <p>☐ 18 Bangladeshi nationals, whose identity has been confirmed by the Bangladeshi authorities will be repatriated to Bangladesh via Kolkata by M.V. Akbar scheduled to sail for Kolkata on 01.05.2011, under escort.</p>	<p>Ministry of Home Affairs will coordinate with the A&NI Administration and the MEA to expedite the process of identification and repatriation of the inmates to their home country.</p>