

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 832
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, 27th JULY, 2021**

THREAT TO INDIAN ISLAND ARCHIPELAGOS

832. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian island archipelagos are under threat of danger to sink under seas;
- (b) if so, details of islands sank in last five years and the action that has been taken by Government to address the problems therefor; and
- (c) details of representations received so far from different ecologists, biologists, conservatives and experts to address the problems thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
AND EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

- (a) There is no evidence or study available with this Ministry to indicate that the Indian island archipelagos are under threat of sinking under the seas. However, low lying coastal regions of the island archipelagoes are vulnerable to inundation caused due to impact of sea level rise. The results of a preliminary study on longterm shoreline change assessment for Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands indicates erosion, which might be due to high waves and sea level rise.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) This Ministry has not received any representation.