

BSNL**1. Upgradation of the facilities of BSNL**

X IDA – Agenda Item No. 6(I)

IX Standing Committee – Nil

Spl. Secretary (GA) may pursue the matter vigorously with the concerned authorities of the BSNL to improve the quality of services of the BSNL in A&N Islands.

(Action: Spl. Secretary (GA))

CIVIL AVIATION**1. Development of thrust sector – Civil Aviation**

X IDA – Agenda Item No. 5(B)

IX Standing Committee – Nil

CE (APWD) and Director (CA) may take appropriate action to study the feasibility of the following works :

1. Construction of airstrip at Kakana in Kamorta.
2. Construction of airstrip at Katchal by extending the existing helipad.
3. Fencing the airstrip at Diglipur for security of the flights.

Air Bus A-320 operations has since commenced on the Chennai – Port Blair sector from 28.03.2004. The balance works relating to Airport runway extension project should be completed in a time bound manner.

(Action: CE(APWD) / Director (CA))

2. Removal of disparity in Cargo tariff / passenger fare charged by Indian Airlines in Sectors – Port Blair – Kolkatta and Port Blair – Chennai vice versa

X IDA – Nil

IX Standing Committee – Agenda Item No. 4-I(A)

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation had opined that this is a matter of commercial decision making by Airlines.

3. Concessional airfare for Senior Citizens of A&N Islands.

X IDA – Nil

IX Standing Committee – Agenda Item No. 4 -I(D)

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation had informed in the IX Standing Committee Meeting that concession has already been extended to senior citizens of A&N Islands in conformity with the norms applicable to all over the country and it is not possible to alter the arrangements for a particular State/UT.

(Action completed)