

4. Flight connectivity between Port Blair/Phuket/Bangkok should be started as this will aid cross-regional tourism as envisaged by our Hon'ble Prime Minister.

X IDA – Nil

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Intercity agreement on flight connectivity between Port Blair/Phuket/Bangkok may be pursued.

(Action: Spl. Secretary (L.S.G))

5. Liberalize the procedure for issue of permission for foreign airlines particularly from Asian Countries to call at Port Blair.

X IDA – Nil

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

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation may be approached to expedite the decision on the declaration of Port Blair Airport as an International Airport and to facilitate flight connectivity between Phuket and Port Blair.

Spl. Secretary (Home) should pursue the matter with the Ministry to liberalize the existing procedure to issue permission to foreign airlines to call at Port Blair.

( Action: SS (Home) )

#### COOPERATION

1. MIS on Arecanut

X IDA – Agenda Item No. 3(11)

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Dev. Commr. stated that proposal for extending the Market Intervention Scheme for the year 2003-04 was not agreed to by the Govt. of India.

(Action completed)

#### DOORDARSHAN / AIR

1. Coverage of DD/AIR to 99% of population

X IDA – Agenda Item No. 6(G)

IX Standing Committee – Nil

Secretary (Information & Publicity) may take up the matter with the Ministry of I&B to position a Mobile News Gathering Terminal at Port Blair, expeditiously.

( Action: Secretary(Information & Pty.) )