

has to be made a less attractive destination for outsiders, may be by reducing various subsidies. Chairman observed that further encroachments in the ecologically fragile islands should be stopped, without any delay and the UT Administration and local community should be responsible for monitoring the influx.

[Action: A&N Administration]

Agenda No. 5 One time dereservation of posts reserved for STs

Secy (P&T)
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7. Lt. Governor, A&N Islands informed that now they have requisite number of qualified STs available for the vacant posts. Therefore, they do not want to press this point any further.

Agenda No. 6 Permission for chartered flights to Port Blair

ASCHM
8. As per letter No. AV.14011/298-A dated 14.09.2000 from Ministry of Civil Aviation, approval has been granted for operation of foreign tourist chartered flights to Port Blair with immediate effect. This information has to be publicized in the right quarters.

[Action: A&N Administration and Ministry of Tourism]

Agenda No. 7 Relaxation of entry permission for Foreign Tourists

Secy
(IP&T)
9. The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands has been already authorised to extend the total period of stay for tourists to 45 days, as against the earlier maximum period of 30 days.

Agenda No. 8 Action taken on recommendations of UNDP/WTO studies on development strategy for environmentally sustainable tourism in Andamans

Secy
(IP&T)
10. Ministry of Tourism informed that a carrying capacity study for eco-tourism development assigned to NEERI, Nagpur before taking any further action on the UNDP-WTO report, has been received recently on 4th December 2000 and has been referred to MOEF. Ministry of Tourism further informed that there is a Committee of Secretaries (COS) on