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development of tourism in the islands and any related subject can be taken up with this COS. Lt. Governor, A&N Islands informed that a proposal from the A&N Administration for developing a tourist resort in an uninhabited island, on the lines of Bangaram in Lakshadweep, is pending with the Ministry of Tourism. Chairman observed that potential of tourism should be tapped, while keeping in view the fragile eco-system of the islands.

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

Agenda No. 9 Potential and Scope of development and export of Fisheries from the Islands

Secy (Fish) 11. Information on various schemes being undertaken to improve the potential of fisheries from the islands provided by concerned Departments Ministries and Agriculture Division of Planning Commission was noted. MP, A&N Islands informed that some of the fishermen's jetties have been diverted for other work and the fish market at Port Blair is housed in a posh building instead of making it an open market. He pointed out that the performance of A&N Islands Integrated Development Corporation Ltd. (ANIIDCO) in promotion of fisheries is not satisfactory. MP, Lakshadweep also stated that still a lot has to be done to promote the fisheries sector. After detailed discussion, Chairman observed that an integrated fisheries plan need to be prepared both by A&N and Lakshadweep Administration in collaboration with Ministry of Agriculture. He further suggested that the possibility of having deep-sea fishing in these islands should be explored, at the earliest.

[Action: A&N Admn., Lakshadweep Admn. and Ministry of Agriculture]

- Agenda No.10 Introduction of multi-purpose fishing vessels with refrigerated facilities,**
Agenda No.11 Permission of Joint venture project for purchase of fresh Tuna from fishermen, and
Agenda No.12 Experimental fishing at EEZ of Lakshadweep

12. The integrated fisheries plan to be prepared by Lakshadweep Administration should project latest position on all the above points in that plan.

[Action: Lakshadweep Administration]