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**Agenda No. 17 Problem of non-issue of ST Certificate to Islanders
born outside Lakshadweep**

16. The non-issue of ST Certificate to the children of Islanders born outside the Lakshadweep Islands is causing a lot of anxiety to the people of Lakshadweep. MP, Lakshadweep emphasised that the matter is of urgent importance for a large number of families from Lakshadweep. Chairman desired that Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which is awaiting the comments of the Registrar General of India (RGI) on the subject, should expedite decision in the matter. Representative of MHA stated that he has also received a large number of representations on the subject and he will also write to RGI to expedite the matter.

[Action: Ministry of Tribal Affairs & MHA]

17. Some additional agenda points received a few days back before the meeting, from A&N Administration and from MP. A&N Islands have been distributed amongst the participants and sent to the concerned Departments Ministries for their views. Chairman desired that these agenda points could be taken up in the next meeting of the Standing Committee of the IDA.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.