

#### **49. Opening more Islands for Tourism**

The UT Administration apprised the Committee that the Avis Islands, Long Island, Ross & Smith and Hut Bay are being considered for holistic development. The Committee noted.

#### **50. Development of Tourism Circuits**

The UT Administration apprised the Committee that the Administration will facilitate private players willing to enter this sector. Two coastal tourist circuits Port Blair-Havelock-Neil-Port Blair and Port Blair-Baratang-Mayabunder-Diglipur are being developed under Swadesh Darshan scheme of Ministry of Tourism. The Committee noted.

(Action: Ministry of Tourism, UT Administration)

#### **51. Construction of Highways and Bridges.**

The representative of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MORTH) apprised the Committee that MoRTH in the last six months has sanctioned Rs. 800 crore for development of National Highways in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The work has been awarded for repair of Andaman Trunk Road (ATR). The construction of two bridges at Humphrey Gunj creek and Middle Strait has been started. Tender has been floated for construction of bridge at Chattam. It was decided to expedite the works.

(Action: MoRTH)

#### **52. Setting up of cold storage at different locations viz., Rangat, Mayabunder and Diglipur.**

The UT Administration informed the Committee that ten Cold Storages of 2 MT capacity (3 at Rangat, 1 at Mayabunder and 6 at Diglipur) have been set up. Members of the Committee were of the view that larger capacity of cold storages be installed.

(Action: UT Administration)

#### **53. Construction of composite fish landing centre at DongiGhat, Kishorinagar under Diglipur Tehsil.**

The UT Administration informed the Committee that the work is expected to be completed by September, 2017.

#### **54. Action may be initiated to provide log (Bonga) by the forest department to the local fisherman for construction of fishing boat.**

It is a local issue which may be looked into by the local Administration.

(Action: UT Administration)