

Also, planning for linked infrastructure aspects like additional helipads, helicopter services, jetties/marines for fast water transport, high speed ferries/hovercraft etc. needs to be processed. He suggested taking up appropriate interventions for expeditious sanction of planned projects and effective implementation of sanctioned/ongoing projects. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) suggested that the Consultant engaged by NITI Aayog should work closely with the institutions entrusted with the preparation of Integrated Island Management Plans (IIMPs). He further suggested sharing of key inputs from Concept development plans and Detailed Master Plans to enable their synchronization with IIMPs. He stated that the area of islands to be developed need to be reviewed and proposals may be invited from the Ministries and Governments of A&N and Lakshadweep for the ongoing and incomplete projects during the preparation of DPR.

Cabinet Secretary stated that the Ministries concerned and island administrations must be consulted during the preparation of Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans.

Home Secretary cautioned about the safety of beaches especially in relation to crocodile infested waters. This concern needs to be addressed comprehensively. He also emphasized that development of islands must have positive impact on local population.

Secretary, M/o Tribal Affairs suggested that the interest of tribal population need to be protected in Little Andaman Island while promoting tourism and infrastructure development.

Secretary, M/o Environment & Forest informed that the draft IIMP for 5 islands in A&N has been given to A&N Administration and the draft IIMP for Minicoy will be ready by end July 2017. He further informed that 2/3 area in Little Andaman Island is Forest Reserve.

Secretary, M/o Tourism suggested that small islands may be developed for high end tourism while larger one should cater for the middle class also. It was added that some tourism proposals/ projects were already with the Ministry at various stages of examination.

JS (Fisheries) suggested that there is a huge potential for Tuna fishing in A&N and Lakshadweep islands however the local population is reluctant on modern fishing