

Sl	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
			22.08.2013 .
6.	Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment (REIA) norms	<p>The LG (A&N) requested that either the REIA norms may be waived off for very small projects such as toilets, changing rooms etc. on beach side/way-side, or, powers should be given to a local committee under the Chief Secretary (with experts from domain area) to conduct REIA for the projects allowed at the level of ANZMA i.e. for Projects less than Rs.5 Crore.</p> <p>Adviser, MOEF mentioned that the principle of de minimis has been accepted wherever possible even in the case of infrastructure. A&N Administration does not need to seek clearance from Environment Ministry. She also assured a favourable look at other issues as well.</p> <p>Action to be taken by Ministry of Environment & Forests</p>	<p>As per the provisions of CRZ Notification, 2011 clearance from ANZMA is essential for repairing/reconstructing the authorized structures of local inhabitants and community amenities. The procedure calls for submission of reports such as rapid EIA which is cumbersome and costly and which is beyond the financial capability of general public. Therefore, relaxation on mandatory submission of REIA needed for such activities may be revised followed by simplification in the procedure for issuance of clearance is solicited.</p> <p>This matter has not yet been taken up by the National Coastal Zone Management Authority. It shall be placed before its next meeting for consideration.</p>
7.	Delisting of Trocus Niloticus (sea shell)	<p>According to LG (A&N), Trochus Niloticus (Sea shell) is used by the local artisans for making handicrafts. Zoological Survey of India conducted a survey and recommended lifting of the ban on Trochus Niloticus (Sea shell), initially for a period of three years. The A & N Administration has submitted a proposal dated 11.05.2011 followed by letters from Chief Secretary and LG (A&N) dated 10th Sept., 2012, to MoEF for delisting of the species for a period of three years.</p>	<p>Based on the decision taken in the meeting chaired by Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration on 11/12/2008, Industries department conducted Status survey of "Trochus Niloticus" in Andaman & Nicobar Islands through Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Regional Centre, Port Blair and concluded that ban on fishing of these economically important gastropod species namely "Trochus Niloticus" may be lifted initially for three years on temporary basis for the rational utilization /exploitation of these seashell resources.</p>