

SI	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
		<p>letter dated 14.08.2012 from Minister of State (IC) MoEF, Gol.</p> <p>According to Adviser, MOEF, there was a caveat with regard to the recommendation that it will be used only for the purpose of eco tourism. The Environment Ministry has not yet received the desired note from the A&N Administration on eco tourism and the relevant notification will be issued after receiving the same.</p> <p>The M.P, Lakshadweep also highlighted the problem faced by Lakshadweep due to imposition of ban on river sand by the Karnataka Government. He requested the IDA to take up the matter with Karnataka Government as construction work has suffered very badly in the UT due to ban on river sand.</p> <p>Senior Consultant, Planning Commission, pointed out that he had taken up this issue with the Chief Secretary Karnataka who had informed him that clearance has been given by the Government of Karnataka. The Administrator, Lakshadweep may take up the matter with Chief Secretary, Karnataka in case there is any operational bottleneck.</p> <p>The M.P, A&N said that their problem is concerning sea sand compared to the problem of river sand in case of Lakshadweep. The sand has blocked the roads in A&N and should be allowed to be used for construction purpose.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission mentioned that this issue is very important and asked the Secretary, Planning</p>	<p>Committee of Island Development Authority held on 17.10.2012 at Yojana Bhavan chaired by the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and also requested the Hon'ble minister of State (E&F) Smti. Jayanthi Natarajan, vide D.O. letter No. CF/SAND/3-1/Vol.XI dated 11.10.2012 (Annexure-'U') & 19.10.2012 (Annexure-'V') for issuance of formal notification. The Administration is going ahead with the formalities for sand mining anticipating formal notification.</p> <p>A DO letter was sent to Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests by Principal Secretary (E&F), Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration on 07.01.2013, followed by a DO letter from the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Administration dated 21.01.2013.</p> <p>Hon'ble Lt. Governor also sent a D.O Letter to Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), E&F on 07-2-2013 (Annexure-'Q').</p> <p>The matter was taken up during the meeting held in MHA under the chairmanship of Home Secretary on 02.05.2013 (minutes circulated vide Administration's letter F.No.3-4 (104)/2013-14 Pending issues/CBGN dated 20.05.2013). During the meeting it was informed that the draft amendment notification has been referred to the Ministry of Law & Justice for vetting the notification on the issues</p>