

Sl	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
		Commission to follow up the matter. Action to be taken by Ministry of Environment & Forests	related to A&N Islands. <u>Response from the Ministry of Environment and Forests is awaited.</u>
10.	A. Upgradation of Port Blair airport.	<p>The LG A&N mentioned that Port Blair was declared an International airport in 2007. M/o Civil Aviation was requested to introduce International Flights on 2nd May 2012. Presently, watch hours have been increased up to sunset and are proposed to be increased further to 24 Hrs by June`2013. CMD, AAI have also discussed these issues during the visit of Member, Planning Commission Dr. Syeda Hameed to the A&N Islands on 24th July 2012. The layout plan for airport upgradation & expansion has been finalised. The LG (A&N) requested for an expeditious action for early up-gradation of the Airport, and International flights re-routing to touch Port Blair, in line with the vision of world-class tourism in the islands.</p> <p>J.S M/o Civil Aviation mentioned that no airlines can be forced to come to the island. It is open for any airlines to start as per Asian bilateral rights and as such there is absolutely no restriction in this regard. Any of the foreign airlines or Air India can start the flights if they wished to. However, according to Air India, there is no confirmed traffic potential in the UT of A&N.</p> <p>Chief Secretary, A&N mentioned that Chairman AAI has said that they have plans to build a new airport and they have also</p>	<p>Port Blair airport was declared as International in May, 2007.</p> <p>Ministry of Civil Aviation was requested to introduce International Flights (on 2nd May 2012). Matter has been pursued continuously in Ministry of Civil Aviation and Cabinet Secretariat.</p> <p>Pursuant to the meeting held on 02.05.2012, the watch hours have been increased upto Sunset (ie. till 16:50 Hrs) and further proposed to 24 Hrs by June`2013. Action has also been taken to allot 1.5 Acres of land to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) for glide path. Assessment of Buildings/ Structure/Crops/Plantation/Trees standing on the land to be acquired is in process.</p> <p>Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Airport Authority of India also took note of the issues during the visit of Hon'ble Member of Planning Commission on 24th July 2012 including the layout plan of Airport and its upgradation/expansion.</p> <p>The required notification under the Land Acquisition Act, 1984 has been issued. The Administration is in the process</p>