

SI	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
			<p>start with press advertisement on 20.03.2014, Award of work is to be made on 15.07.2014 and construction work is likely to be complete by August 2018. MoCA requested A &amp; N Administration to expedite the acquisition and handing over of the remaining 3.43 acre to AAI.</p> <p>For construction of apron, working permission on 4.72 acres of land has been sought from Indian Navy, which is awaited</p>
10.	<b>B. Starting International flight via Port Blair</b>	<p>Secretary, Planning Commission observed that two issues need to be addressed in this regard. One issue concerns the introduction of international flights, concerning this; the view of the Ministry of Civil Aviation is that there is no traffic potential. This issue need to be suitably looked into. The other issue is regarding building a new airport.</p> <p>Member (SH) asked the A&amp;N Administration to explain precisely what needed to be done in this connection. The CS, A &amp; N Administration said that the airport at Port Blair should be built as the plan for this purpose has already been approved.</p> <p>The Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission mentioned that</p>	<p>Veer Savarkar Airport Port Blair declared International Airport in 2007. International flights are yet to commence operations ex-Port Blair.</p> <p>Pursuant to the meeting held on 02.05.2012, the watch hours have been increased upto sunset (ie., till 17.00 Hrs) and further proposed to 24 Hrs by June' 2013. For night landing facility, installation of glide path is required for which, the compensation amount for acquisition of 1.5 acres of land at Port Blair Airport has been deposited by the AAI on 19.02.2013 and the said land has already been handed over to Airport Authority on India in March 2013.</p> <p>The Union Home Secretary, in the meeting held on</p>