

SI	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
		<p>these plans are made on certain assumptions on how much gross budgetary support will be made available, which often gets scaled down because resources are limited. He desired to know if there is enough infrastructure to attract tourists. This would need requisite staff and infrastructure upgradation. He further emphasized the need for posting immigration and custom officials at the international airport. According to him, mere construction of a big building for the airport will not solve all the issues. According to him, international flights are not going to halt at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.</p> <p>The CS, A&N Administration mentioned that necessary infrastructure to attract tourists will also come up once the new international airport is built. A new class of tourists will emerge once they come to know about the new international airport. J.S, M/o Civil Aviation mentioned that all the necessary officers would be posted there if flights start coming.</p> <p>MP (A&N) pointed out that the main problem is of limited watch hours, Andaman traffic control is with Navy which works only for two hours whereas international flights need 24 hours.</p> <p>The J.S M/o Civil Aviation said that in October, 2011 they have sanctioned 17 posts taking the total number officers to 16, 203 sailors, 42 civilians and one extra DSC Platoon. These officials will be put in place by September/October, 2013, and after that the airport will become functional. According to him the airport is not operational for 2 hours, it is operational from</p>	<p>22.1.2013 has desired that Ministry of Civil Aviation should consider the connectivity to Port Blair by all International Airlines (on Delhi-East Asian circuit) flying to Phuket, Bangkok, Singapore etc. A DO letter from the Chief Secretary has also been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation to follow up the matter on 26.12.2013.</p> <p>The Chief Secretary has requested to Secretary MoD for further extension of watch hour upto midnight for facilities night operations vide DO letter dated 15.05.2013.</p> <p><i>International flights are yet to commence operations from Port Blair. A & N Administration requested that MoC should consider connectivity to Port Blair by all International airlines (on Delhi-East Asian circuits) flying to Phuket, Bangkok, Singapore, etc. Air India should also reserve some seats for Andaman & Nicobar Islands on such routes. It was decide that A & N Administration may formulate a detailed proposal in this regard, including all the options and send the same to MoCA for examination. MoCA may thereafter examine this proposal.</i></p> <p><i>A & N Administration's request to cover Nicobar Islands in addition to Port Blair by the AI flight is to be examined by MoCA in consultation with MHA and MoD</i></p> <p><u>Response from the Ministry of Civil Aviation is awaited.</u></p>