

SI	Issues	Extract of Minute	Action Taken/Status as on 22.03.2014
		<p>airport is very small and fuel is not available in Agatti. The aircraft has to carry fuel for to and fro journey. M.P, Lakshadweep pointed out that previously there was a refueling station at Agatti airport, which may be restarted to solve the fuel problem. Administrator, Lakshadweep, pointed out that main reason for unprofitability of flights is the use of older aircrafts and uncertainty of flights.</p> <p>Senior Consultant, Planning Commission, mentioned that in case of North Eastern states an aircraft was purchased and handed over to the Indian Airlines on a sort of wet lease. He suggested that a similar dispensation could be made in case of Lakshadweep and A&N to ensure regular flights on both islands.</p> <p>Action to be taken by Ministry of Civil Aviation</p>	<p><i>Island-Mainland sectors. M/o Civil Aviation (MoCA) has also held discussion with airlines for reserving 10% of the seats for the local residents. For implementing this scheme, identity proof will have to be provided to the locals. During the peak season, increasing the number of flights could also be considered.</i></p>