

Revised Agenda Item 7 :

Implementation of the recommendations by the Prof. C. R. Babu Committee

Extract of the minutes	Action Taken Report as on 14.03.2014
<p>A&NI Administration will file an affidavit seeking permission of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to -</p> <p>a. allow selective forestry operations based on approved Working Plan and allow export of such timber as is harvested under the working plan; and</p> <p>b. remove, in gradual manner, the plantations of exotic species and replace them with indigenous species for meeting local requirements of timber and non-timber forest produce (NTFP).</p> <p>The affidavit should be filed as soon as the Hon'ble Supreme Court reopens after summer vacation.</p> <p>Action: A & N Islands Administration</p> <p>Minister of Environment and Forests will, in consultation with the A&NI Administration and the local Member of Parliament, assess the manpower and other logistic requirements of the A&NI Administration to prevent poaching and damage to the forests and other natural habitats in the A&NI. This exercise should be completed by 30th September, 2011.</p>	<p>The Administration had filed an Interlocutory Application (IA) on 21.09.2011 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India after getting it vetted from Ministry of Environment & Forests and Ministry of Home Affairs seeking permission in respect of the following proposal through modification of its earlier order dated 07.05.2002.</p> <p>a. Modify orders dated 07.05.2002 and allow the preparation of the working plans for scientific management of the entire forest area constituting 30% of forest excluding area falling within National Parks, Sanctuaries, Tribal Reserves and Mangroves keeping in view the changed circumstances.</p> <p>b. Lift the order suspending felling of trees and allow felling of trees from the forest of little Andaman excluding areas falling within National Park, Sanctuaries, Tribal Reserves, under Working Plan duly approved for scientific management of the forest and for meeting the local requirement of timber and NTFP in that islands.</p> <p>c. Allow export of timber after meeting the local requirements or sell the timber through Government depot in mainland India which have to be removed under the approved Working Plan.</p> <p>d. Allow the reclamation of plantation in a phased and gradual manner, depending upon the Silvicultural rotation, and thereby covering the area with indigenous species occurring naturally for meeting the local requirement of timber and NTFP.</p> <p>The affidavit was returned through the Administrative order to cure the defects in the affidavit by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The action is being taken to cure the defects and file the same before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.</p> <p>In pursuance of the decision taken in the 13th meeting of the Standing Committee of Island Development Authority held on 3.5.2011, the Ministry of Environment & Forests constituted a committee to holistically address the issue of poaching in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Committee last met on 21.06.2011; the meeting was attended by Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and other officials. Accordingly, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration has submitted proposal / scheme for strengthening of anti-</p>