

A Brief Note on Agenda Item for 14<sup>th</sup> IDA meeting

1) **Issue: Expansion of Airport at Agatti (Lakshadweep)**

**Status:** Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has informed that handing over of land and permission is awaited from Lakshadweep Administration and AAI has appointed M/s STUP Consultant Pvt. Ltd. for undertaking engineering consultancy work.

**Action to be taken:** (i) Lakshadweep Administration is yet to hand over land free from all encumbrances to AAI/ consultant to undertake survey for DPR and construction works; (ii) MoCA to expedite the completion of DPR by scheduled time; decision about the provision of funds of Rs 950 crores (approximate estimate) for the project; proposal for EFC for the project and completion of the project in a time bound manner.

**Decision to be taken by IDA:** (1) decision about the provision of funds of Rs 950 crores; (2) handing over of land by UTL and granting permission to construct in lagoon; (3) fixing of time line for each of the milestone of the project

2) **Issue: Procurement of Deep Sea Vessel (Lakshadweep)**

**Status:** The Lakshadweep Administration has informed that it is constructing a smaller size Fibreglass Reinforced Plastics (FRP) build long lining vessel (20 meter) under finance from National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) (instead of a mother vessel due to single tender) and the possibility of constructing a larger size vessel with the concept of the mother vessel is being explored.

**Decision to be taken by IDA:** Fixing of time line for construction of smaller size FRP build long lining vessel and decision to construct a larger size vessel with a concept of a mother vessel.

✓ 3) **Issue: Enhancement of administrative and financial powers of Lt. Governor of ANI and Administrator of Lakshadweep.**

**Status:** MHA has informed that it has not received any proposal from the UTs for enhancement of administrative and financial powers of Lt. Governor of ANI and Administrator of Lakshadweep. However, it has informed that after receipt of the proposal, it will be examined in consultation with IFD (MHA)/ Ministry of Finance/ Dept. of Expenditure and other Subject Matter Ministry, if necessary. Chief Secretary, ANI, informed that a formal proposal for the same would be sent to MHA shortly. However, Administrator, UTL informed that at present the UTL is managing with the present financial powers and does not see the necessity to make a formal proposal for enhancement of administrative and financial powers of Administrator. Therefore

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