

only the proposal/ request of ANI for enhancement of administrative and financial powers of Lt. Governor of ANI would be included.

Decision to be taken by IDA: ANI is in the process of making a formal proposal to MHA shortly and MHA to examine and consider enhancement of powers to LG issue in a time bound manner, which may be fixed by IDA.

4) Issue: Improving connectivity of both the islands in terms of telecommunication, ports, civil aviation (Both ANI & Lakshadweep)

a) Telecommunication:

BSNL network:

(i) Status: Dept. of Telecommunication (DoT) has requested Dept. of Space (DoS) to waive satellite bandwidth charges for ANI & Lakshadweep to upgrade BSNL network in both the islands.

Decision to be taken by IDA: DoS may consider waiving off satellite bandwidth charges for ANI & Lakshadweep.

(ii) Submarine Optical Fiber Cable (ANI):

Status: Process for establishing Submarine Optical Fiber Cable is in progress and presently action needs to be taken by ANI Administration.

Decision to be taken by IDA: Both DoT and ANI Administration may expedite the process and complete the tasks in a time bound manner/ by timeline fixed by IDA.

b) Shipping:

Status: Ministries of Shipping (MoS) has informed that the process of acquisition of vessels for both ANI and Lakshadweep islands are at various levels of progress.

Decision to be taken by IDA: MoS and both ANI and Lakshadweep Administrations need to expedite procurement of the vessels at the earliest/ by timeline fixed by IDA.

c) Air connectivity of ANI:

Status: Ministries of Civil Aviation has indicated that air operation is guided by commercial judgment of operating airlines and Government does not interfere in this. Further, the work pertaining to construction of New Integrated terminal Building and installation of Glide Path Building are at various stages of completion.

Decision to be taken by IDA: (i) whether Air India can be advised to operate international flights via ANI, provided funding support is given by ANI; (ii) Work pertaining to construction of New Integrated terminal Building and installation of Glide Path Building need to be expedited and completed at the earliest/ by timeline fixed by IDA.