

19. Member of Parliament, A & N Islands raised the above issue. Secretary, Health, Government of India indicated that according to the Supreme Court order, no seats could be provided for any reserved category without clearing an entrance examination with minimum of 50% marks. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission asked Secretary, Department of Health to examine the matter and suggest a way forward to resolve the problem of the people living in these islands.
(Action: Secretary, Department of Health)

3 (8D) Posting of Specialist Doctors in Lakshadweep:

20. Administrator, Lakshadweep pointed out that it is not possible to find any specialized doctors willing to go to Lakshadweep, despite efforts made by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. He suggested that doctors be deputed for short periods of three to six months. Secretary (Health), Government of India pointed out that despite taking these postings out of the purview of UPSC, they were still unable to find any willing specialist doctors. Accordingly, it was agreed that specialized doctors could be sent on tour to Lakshadweep for 90 days in order to at least provide minimum specialized services on the Islands.
(Action: Secretary, Department of Health)

3 (11) Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for Arecanut:

21. Member of Parliament, A & N Islands desired that MIS for arecanut may continue in the Tenth Plan on the 75:25 basis as applicable in the North Eastern States. Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation indicated that suitable proposal in this regard could be considered. Accordingly, it was decided that a proposal may be sent by the UT Administration for approval of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.
(Action: Chief Secretary, A & N Administration)

Agenda Item No. 4:

Environmentally Sustainable Development of A & N Islands: Action Required after the Supreme Court Judgement of May 2002

Deliberations were held on the future development strategies for the A & N Islands in the light of the Supreme Court Judgement, particularly on the impact of the Judgement and sanction of rehabilitation package to the encroachers evicted from forest land. Member of Parliament, A & N Islands felt that the evicted families should be each allotted one hectare