

- o. The hydrocarbon potential in the islands should be tapped by the ONGC.

(Action : Min. of Petroleum and Natural Gas)

- p. A tunnel should be constructed from the Junglighat to Bamboo Flat and bridges from Uttara to Gandhighat and Baratung to Middle Strait.

(Action : A&N Admn. )

- q. Flights should be started from Port Blair International Airport to Phuket, Bangkok and Kolkatta.

(Action : Min. of Civil Aviation)

- r. 10,000 houses of 200 sq. meter each should be provided to the old settlers.

(Action : A&N Admn. and MHA )

- s. Nicobari tribals are being threatened that their land would be taken over as per a recent notification.

(Action : A&N Admn. and MHA )

Brief statement by Member of Parliament, Lakshadweep

9. Dr. P.P. Koya, M.P Lakshadweep appreciated the presentation made by Administrator Lakshadweep. He pointed out the existence of defects in the design of Eastern side Jetties as midway during their construction, it is proposed to increase the height of the jetties.

(Action: Ministry of Shipping)

10. Dr. Koya stated that Bharat Seema and Tipu Sultan were old ships which need to be replaced urgently and delivery of the badly delayed 700 passenger vessel was expected to provide some relief. The new ships which were inducted did not have a side door to facilitate embarkation and disembarkation in the open sea. A separate Harbour Department should be set up in Lakshadweep Administration as there is no Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer in ALHW and larger resources were needed for the development of port sector.

(Action: Ministry of Shipping and Planning Commission)

11. Dr. Koya requested action on the following points:

- i) Indian Airlines should quickly introduce ATR flights to Agatti.

(Action : Ministry of Civil Aviation )

- ii) The Bill on Schedule Tribe (ST) certificates should be reintroduced and taken up for consideration.

(Action : Ministry of Tribal Affairs)