

Battalion should be set up for A separate India Reserve (IR) (Action: Ministry of Home Affairs) Lakshadweep. 1.54

iv) The successful drinking water plant set up by the NIOT at Kavarattii should be extended to other islands also.

(Action: Ministry of Earth Sciences and Lakshadweep Administration)

v) Till such time the Legislative Assembly is established in ANI, the Pradesh Council should be revived in Lakshadweep.

(Action: Ministry of Home Affairs)

vi) To improve the effectivness of the Administration, instead of DANICS and DANIPS officers who are unable to reach the top levels, opportunities should be provided to the people of Lakshadweep.

(Action: Ministry of Home Affairs)

- On the request of the Prime Minister the Ministers offered their comments as given below.
- Minister of Tourism highlighted the importance of promoting high value low volume tourism as a means of employment generation in the islands. She stated that UT Administrations had hardly interacted with the Ministry of Tourism and no proposals had been received to take advantage of a national and international campaign launched by the Tourism Ministry. She indicated that the islands are usually asked to follow the Maldives and Mauritius model of tourism but we need to offer some thing uniquely Indian to the visiting tourist. In this context she felt that the Tourism Ministry could offer advise on the design of the cottages. M.P. Lakshadweep agreed to submit a detailed proposal on promotion of tourism in consultation with the Administration.

(Action: Ministry of Tourism and UT Admns.)

Home Minister informed that the people of Lakshadweep had desired that children born outside Lakshadweep islands should also be treated as ST and he held a meeting on the subject with the Minister of Tribal Affairs . The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is to move a proposal on the subject for (Action: Ministry of Tribal Affairs) approval of the Cabinet.

Agriculture Minister informed that the Fish Landing Center (FLC) at Junglighat had been competed, work order for four FLC's had been issued and for 14 FLC's, DPR had been invited. A series of cold chain and cold storage facilities for fisheries were under construction. Proposals received