

- (l) special initiative by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) to help upgrade skills and designs,
- (m) early clearance of Ministry of Shipping for Teresa and Katchal Port projects,
- (n) early decision on Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forest Produce Development Corporation (ANIFPDC) and
- (o) early finalization of tenders by SCI on purchase of vessels.

Points related to Lakshadweep

- (a) acquisition of 400 passenger vessel
  - (b) repair/review of Eastern side jetties with defective design
  - (c) introduction of ATR services by Air India
  - (d) extension of runway at Agatti and
  - (e) construction of godown by FCI on urgent basis.
- (Action: Cabinet Secretariat)**

18. The IDA decided the time period for completion of TRP in ANI be extended by one year i.e. upto March 2010.

**(Action: Planning Commission)**

19. The IDA decided the following :-

(i) MoEF to undertake inter-Ministerial consultations on the action required by the Government on recommendations in the Prof. Babu Committee report and bring them before the Union Cabinet for a decision within one month.

**(Action: MoEF)**

(ii) MoEF to issue a separate notification for ANI and Lakshadweep on CMZ Rules after holding consultations with the two UT Administrations' within a month.

**(Action: MoEF)**

iii) MHA to urgently review its decision on regulating influx of people to ANI which at present is deferred till the next census.

**(Action: MHA)**

✓ iv) MHA to take a view on providing Sixth Schedule status to tribals of Nicobar Group of islands.

**(Action: MHA)**

✓ v) ANI Admn. to report to MHA on complaints of Tribal Council of Nicobar regarding lands belonging to them being taken away and declared as Reserve Forest without consulting them.

**(Action: MHA)**

✓ vi) The Ministries of Tribal Affairs and Home Affairs in consultation with ANI Admn. to review the usefulness of existing arrangement of Andaman Adi Janjati Vikas Nigam (AAJVS) meant to protect the Primitive Tribal Groups of ANI