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Subject:- Minutes of the 13th meeting of the Island Development Authority (IDA)
held at 7 Race Course, New Delhi on 15-06-2011

The 13th meeting of the Island Development Authority (IDA) was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister at 10:00 A.M on 15.06.2011 at 7 Race Course, New Delhi. The list of participants in the meeting is placed at Appendix-A

Opening the discussions, Hon'ble Prime Minister welcomed the participants at the meeting and stated that due to paucity of time the written text of his opening remarks should be taken to have been read and should form part of the record of the proceedings. Accordingly, the text of the opening remarks by the Hon'ble Prime Minister is placed at Annexure-A. Thereafter, Hon'ble Prime Minister requested Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission to initiate the discussion on the various issues relating to Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

Welcoming the participants to the meeting, Deputy Chairman (DCH), Planning Commission, mentioned that since the last meeting of IDA held in January, 2009, the Standing Committee of the IDA has met on two different occasions. A wide range of 68 issues were taken up for consideration in the meeting held on 26th July, 2010. Of the 68 issues, 9 issues related to shipping and ports, 10 issues to civil aviation, 6 issues to roads and bridges, 8 issues to urban development, 1 issue to telecom, 1 issue to power, 6 issues to health, 4 issues to tribal affairs, 3 issues to finance, 2 issues to employment and 18 issues to miscellaneous. He further pointed out that during these meetings, the focus was to resolve inter-ministerial differences, if any. In this regard, Member Secretary, Planning Commission also held separate meetings with Secretaries of concerned departments to build consensus to facilitate implementation. He indicated that the agenda items for the 13th IDA meeting were those where progress had not been made in terms of implementation. Observing that some issues suggested by Members of the IDA were new items which need to be first discussed in the Standing Committee before being brought to the IDA, DCH requested Member Secretary, Planning Commission to take the participants through each item in the Agenda.