

3.	Grant in Aid extended to newly created Port Blair Port Trust  <u>Min of Shipping</u>	Central Government notified Port Blair with its territorial Jurisdiction over all Ports of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as a Major Port under Indian Ports Act, 1908 with effect from 1.06.2010. As the Port has been created by merging Port Management Board (an organization under A&N Adm.) and Andaman Harbor Works (a sub ordinate office under Ministry of Shipping ), there is a need for extending Financial support from the Government to sustain the Port in initial years. Accordingly Grant -in -Aid may be extended to newly created Port Blair Port Trust for next three years i.e upto 2012-13.	It was decided that Member Secretary, Planning Commission should hold an Inter- ministerial meeting for all shipping related issues, placed before the Standing Committee meeting of IDA on 26th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions . Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.
4.	Special Package for Major Ports:  <u>MP -A&amp;NI</u>	Establishment of Mainland Berth at Diglipur :The Lack of a Mainland wharf at Diglipur has hindered the economy growth of Diglipur which has got good potential for Tourism, Agriculture, and for other business activities. It's proximity to COCO ISLAND (China) indicates the necessity for the required berth for big vessels in the area. Construction of Dry-Dock: The land of ATI was acquired at Bambooflat for construction of dry dock on PPP mode. However, it never takes off the drawing board. The Dry Dock work at Bambooflat needs to be put on fast track and completed in a time bound manner to ensure that all the departmental vessels are in operation 10 months a year. The future acquisition of ships should confirm to the requirement of the islanders to give a boost to the local economy and enhance the sources of livelihood of the Islanders. A small ship/boat repairing facility need to be created in Kamorta, Central Nicobar so that minor works in the vessels stationed there are repaired locally	It was decided that Member Secretary, Planning Commission should hold an Inter- ministerial meeting for all shipping related issues, placed before the Standing Committee meeting of IDA on 26th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions . Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.
A. (ii) SHIPPING & PORTS (Lakshadweep)			
5.	Introduction of faster speed ship operating at 40 knots per hour  <u>UT Lakshadweep</u>	A fast speed ship operating at 40 nautical miles per hour can cover the distance between Kochi-Kavaratti in 6 hours so that two trips are possible every day. Such a ship is the need of the hour. This will provide an alternative transport mode, since Indian Airlines flights have been suspended from 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2010. It will be an all weather-ship and will substantially improve the logistics of the islands, especially during monsoon. It can be run on alternative days between Kochi-Kavaratti-Kochi and Kochi-Minicoy-Kochi. Such a 400 pax ship will cost about Rs. 250 Crores and is not part of the 15 year perspective plan of the transportation sector. A separate budget provision will be required.	It was decided that Member Secretary, Planning Commission should hold an Inter- ministerial meeting for all shipping related issues, placed before the Standing Committee meeting of IDA on 26th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions . Issues if any requiring a decision by