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Statement on Decisions taken at the 11th Meeting

		Ship travel is highly subsidized whereas air travel is on commercial basis and therefore the proposal should be considered on commercial lines. In case of in principle agreement for introduction of high speed vessel, there is a need to plan for both ANI and Lakshadweep.	IDA meeting.
6.	Construction of Landing Barges by M/s. Vipul Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Goa <u>UTL</u>	As approved by Govt. of India, UTL Administration signed contract with M/s. Vipul Shipyard Pvt. Ltd., Goa on 17 th November 2007 for acquisition of six 200 passenger landing barges. Contractual dates of deliveries were 16 th October & 16 th November of 2008 and 16 th May, 16 th June, 16 th November and 16 th December of 2009. In spite of repeated efforts by the Administration, Ministry of Shipping and Shipping Corporation of India, the progress of construction of landing barges is very slow and these vessels are yet to be delivered. These barges are inevitable for embarkation & disembarkation of passengers and cargo from ships halted at open sea.	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 26 th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.
7.	Correction of design deficiencies of Eastern side jetties in four Islands and construction of breakwater at Kavaratti and Minicoy. <u>UTL/MP/Lakshadweep/Ministry of Defence</u>	Shipping Ministry had constituted a Committee to review the defective design of Eastern side embarkation jetties in Kavaratti, Minicoy, Agatti and Amini under the chairmanship of Capt. P.V.K. Mohan, Chairman, National Shipping Board. After visiting the Eastern side embarkation jetties, the Committee submitted its report in July, 2009. Based on the report, ALHW has sent an estimate of Rs.143 lakhs for conducting preliminary studies in connection with the recommendations. The matter is under examination by the Shipping Ministry. The Ministry is considering a proposal for sending an Expert Team to Japan to understand the concept of floating breakwaters through Japanese authorities. However, this would considerably delay the process. In line with the recommendation of the experts committee and as suggested by the CWPRS Pune, the alignment of berthing jetty at Kavaratti is being reoriented as 30N instead of 17N and for extending NE arm of the berthing jetty to maximum possible extent. The jetties made with large investment are not being put to use. Very slow progress has been made on this point discussed at the IDA Meeting held on 19.1.09.	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 26 th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.