

	mainland Mp-A&NI	should be started.	Secretary, Planning Commission will hold a meeting with the Secretaries of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Tourism, Defence, Expenditure, Chief Secretary, ANI and Administrator, Lakshadweep to discuss all issues related to civil aviation placed before the Standing committee meeting of IDA. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.
14.	Alternative airstrip for Port Blair A&NI Admn	<p>Air connectivity for the public of Andaman and Nicobar Islands with Mainland is provided through operation of commercial flights in the Port Blair – Chennai/ Kolkata Sectors. The airport at Port Blair is used both by commercial flights as well as Defence Aircrafts of A & N Command. While the Airport Authority of India provides necessary facilities for operation of commercial flights, major portion of the land in the airport complex including runway as well as ATC operation is with the A & N Command. There being a hill at one end of the runway, the airport provides “uni-directional runway” with takeoff and landing from one end only.</p> <p>The Airport is situated in a “valley-like-formation” surrounded on three sides by hills with colonies and habitation on eastern and western sides. In the event of high intensity rain coupled with high tide the discharge of water is severely blocked, resulting in water logging on the runway endangering the safety of aircrafts and its operations. It is pertinent to mention that post –Mangalore Air-crash, the media had projected Port Blair Airport as one among top-ten dangerous Airports in India.</p> <p>Though the airport is declared as International Airport in 2008, additional infrastructure development for the airport is constrained due to lack of sufficient land in the airport complex. This will always impinge upon any major expansion plans for the airport at its present site.</p> <p>In view of operational constraints, hazards and non-availability of expansion scope at the existing site, it is imperative that an International Airport meeting all the prescribed norms is developed by identifying land in / around Port Blair.</p>	<p>It was decided that Member-Secretary, Planning Commission will hold a meeting with the Secretaries of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Tourism, Defence, Expenditure, Chief Secretary, ANI and Administrator, Lakshadweep to discuss all issues related to civil aviation placed before the Standing committee meeting of IDA. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.</p>
15.	Single fare facility	Due to non-availability of any super specialty hospital in Andaman and Nicobar	It was decided that Member-