

		<p>the vessel.</p> <p>☐ The revised cost estimates have been finalised by the Administration, IRS and SCI. 3 bids have also been received, and L1 identified.</p> <p>☐ Ministry has been requested vide letter dated 1st March, 2011 to take a final decision in the matter.</p> <p>☐ EFC memo for revised cost estimate has recently been prepared, which will be sent to the MoS for EFC approval by end of April, 2011.</p>	
3.	Setting-up of a transshipment port at South Bay, Great Nicobar.	<p>☐ M/s Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Limited (WAPCOS) was awarded the consultancy for conducting the techno economic feasibility and rapid environmental impact assessment studies for this project.</p> <p>☐ WAPCOS submitted its report on .11.2010.</p> <p>☐ Following the 12th meeting it was decided that the Administration will examine the report and send their comments to the Planning Commission by 31st Jan. 2011.</p> <p>☐ Final feasibility received from the consultant (M/s WAPCOS) has been scrutinised by the members of the committee constituted by Administration with the Chief Secretary. It was agreed that proposal as drafted was unviable financially and keeping in mind environmental considerations.</p> <p>☐ A revised proposal is under finalisation keeping in mind land and other facilities available / feasible as well as expected traffic; will be ready by 30th April, 2011.</p>	<p>☐ A&NI Administration will finalise the proposal by 15th may, 2011 and send the same to all concerned in the Central Government for approval.</p>
4.	Construction of a dry dock at Bambooflat on PPP mode.	<p>☐ A Consultant has been shortlisted.</p> <p>☐ No action is being taken due to -</p> <p>(a) paucity of money with newly created Port Blair Port Trust (PBPT),</p> <p>(b) lack of availability of adequate land due to complicated legal issues, and</p> <p>(c) a thinking on whether a capital-intensive turnkey project would be more suitable or an alternative (readymade Floating Dry Dock?) on PPP basis would be a better option.</p> <p>☐ While the PBPT issue seems to be almost resolved, the Administration will take a call on issue (c) soon.</p>	<p>☐ MoS will explore the feasibility of corporatizing the Port Blair Port and send a report to the Secretariat by 31st May, 2011</p> <p>☐ In view of the shortage of land, Administration will take steps to acquire a second hand floating Drydock from the international market on a PPP basis.</p>
8.	Excessively high airfare between Port Blair to Chennai and Port Blair to Kolkata.	<p>☐ It has been reported that the airfare between Port Blair- Chennai and Port Blair- Kolkata is over priced by a factor of 2-3 in comparison to the airfare in other sectors in the Mainland for similar distances.</p> <p>☐ The A&NI Administration suspected cartelization as the cause for such over pricing.</p> <p>☐ The Ministry of Civil Aviation was of the view that the high fares were the result of limited flights to Port Blair on account of very limited hours for flight landing at Port Blair.</p> <p>☐ Following the 12th meeting, it was decided that-</p>	<p>☐ A&NI Administration will complete the process for chartering the aircraft by 30th June, 2011.</p> <p>☐ Ministry of Defence will extend the landing facilities at Port Blair by two hours from 1pm to 3pm from June 2011.</p> <p>☐ It was recognised that the issue of high airfare can be resolved only if more flights begin to fly to Port Blair. This</p>