

		<p>☐ The recommendations of Prof. C.R.Babu Committee were discussed in a meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary (E&F) on 15th July, 2010 wherein all the concerned Ministries were invited for consultations. MoEF has sent a report incorporating the comments of all the Ministries.</p> <p>☐ In the 12th meeting of the Standing Committee it was decided that based on the decisions of the MoEF on the Prof. Babu Committee Report, ANI Administration would prepare a draft affidavit to be submitted in the Supreme Court for review of the earlier orders of May 2002 based on the Shekhar Singh Commission Report. The draft affidavit would be vetted and approved by the MoEF and the MHA and filed by the ANI Administration on behalf of the Government of India. Planning Commission will coordinate this matter.</p> <p>☐ The draft Affidavit, duly vetted and approved by MoEF and MHA, has been submitted to the Advocate of Central Law Agency for settling and finalization of the Affidavit to be filed in the Hon'ble Supreme Court for review of its earlier order dated 07.05.2002.</p> <p>☐ The main request of the Administration is to allow selective forestry operations based on approved Working Plan and to allow export of such timber as is harvested under the working plan. Additionally to remove, in a gradual manner, the plantations of exotic species and replace them with indigenous species for meeting local requirements of timber and Non-timber forest produce (NTFP).</p>	<p>logistic requirements of the A&NI Administration to prevent such poaching. The Committee will be setup by 31st May, 2011 and will be directed to submit its recommendations by the 31st August, 2011.</p>
38.	<p>Issue of separate Island Protection Zone Notification for Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands providing special dispensation to these islands from Coastal regulation Zone Notification, 1991</p>	<p>For the purpose of protecting and conserving the coastal environment of the country including that of islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep, the Ministry had issued the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification, 1991.</p> <p>☐ The notification classifies the CRZ area into four categories namely, CRZ-I (ecologically sensitive areas such as mangroves, coral, forest areas etc.), CRZ-II (urban areas), CRZ-III (rural areas) and CRZ-IV (Islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep).</p> <p>☐ The notification regulates the developmental activities within the Coastal Regulation Zone area i.e., 500mts from the High Tide Line along the coast and 100-150mts from the High Tide Line along tidal influenced water bodies.</p> <p>☐ The regulations of the CRZ Notification, 1991 also apply to the islands of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. These islands are geographically small and mostly consist of ecologically sensitive areas such as coral, mangroves, and forest areas. But some of these islands are inhabited and the local population have been depending upon the natural resources for their livelihood. Further, these islands are prone for natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunami, cyclone, flooding including issues relating to sea level rise.</p>	<p>Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission will hold a separate meeting with officials of the Ministry of Environment and Forest and A&NI Administration to evolve a consensus between the MoEF and A&NI Administration.</p>