

		<p>☐ The issues relating to management of these islands has been examined in detail in the Reports of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan Committee dated February, 2005 and July, 2009. The Report titled "Final Frontier" dated 16.7.2009 recommended introduction of new management regime for Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.</p> <p>☐ Based on the above facts and with a view of providing livelihood security to the local communities, promote conservation and protection of Islands unique environment and its marine area and to promote development through sustainable integrated management plan based on scientific principles taking into account the vulnerability of the coast to natural hazards, the Ministry of Environment and Forest has issued a draft Island Protection Zone Notification vide S.O.No.482(E) dated 25.2.2010 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 inviting suggestions and objections within a period of sixty days from the date of issue of the draft notification.</p> <p>☐ As per the above draft Notification, the Administrations of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep is required to prepare a draft Integrated Island Management Plan (IIMP), give wide publicity to it, hold public consultations and then finalize the Plan. The IIMPs is required to be implemented after being approved by MoEF.</p> <p>☐ All developmental activities in the islands would be based on approved IIMPs.</p> <p>☐ The Ministry has already initiated the preparation of the IIMPs for the inhabited islands through reputed scientific institutions like the Institute for Ocean Management, Chennai for twenty inhabited islands of Andaman & Nicobar and the Centre for Earth Science Studies, Thiruvananthapuram for twelve inhabited islands of Lakshadweep.</p> <p>☐ In supersession of Coastal Zone Regulation, 1991, Central Government through MoEF has brought out the Island Protection Zone (IPZ) Notification dated 06.01.2011 for Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. The Notification contemplates two distinct approaches for environmental management of A & N Islands:-</p> <p>(a) For larger Islands viz. Middle Andaman, North Andaman, South Andaman and Great Nicobar Islands through Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ), and</p> <p>(b) For rest of Islands through Integrated Island Management Plan (IIMP).</p> <p>☐ A wide conceptual gap has occurred between final notification of 2011 and draft Notification of February, 2010. The present notification has been framed by Ministry of Environment Forests without consulting the local stakeholders. It does not take into consideration the concerns expressed by the A & N Administration on the Draft IPZ Notification, 2010.</p> <p>☐ On receipt of final Notification of 16.01.2011, the Administration has taken up</p>	
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