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**Planning Commission  
(SP & IDA)**

**Sub: Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Island Development Authority  
held on 17.10.2012**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Standing Committee of IDA was held under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on 17.10.2012 to discuss various issues relating to Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. The list of participants is at Annexure II.

**Opening Remarks**

The Secretary, Planning Commission welcomed the Members of Parliament representing Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep, Lieutenant Governor, Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Islands, Administrator, Lakshadweep and officers of the Ministries/Departments and UT Administrations. She then requested the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission to initiate the discussion.

The Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission welcomed the participants to the meeting and mentioned that the purpose of the meeting is to review the progress made on the decisions taken in the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of Standing Committee of IDA and identify specific actions in various sectors for a decision to be taken in the forthcoming Meeting of IDA to be held under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister. This Meeting would serve as a ground for the agenda for the forthcoming IDA Meeting expected to be convened shortly. He stated that substantial improvements are needed in the pace of our progress.

**Confirmation of Minutes and Action taken on the decisions/suggestions  
at the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of IDA**

The Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of IDA held at New Delhi on 03.05.2011 and Action taken on the decisions/suggestions at the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were confirmed.

Presentation on new Agenda items pertaining to the A& N Islands was made by the Lt. Governor, Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

**Creation of 193 posts of Education Department**

According to the Lt. Governor (LG), Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the proposal for creation of 193 posts, under the Right to Education Act 2009, was sent to the M/o HRD on 13th April, 2011, followed by letter from the Chief