

18 plans (IIMP & CZMP as per CRZ, 2011) are finalized. It will help the Administration in completing the old projects. The Lt. Governor requested that these projects should be allowed to continue at least in major islands.

Adviser, M/o Environment & Forest (MOEF) said that they have not received the proposal so far and are waiting for the proposal from the islands. Lt. Governor said that they have requested the Minister for an extension of two years. The Adviser M/o E&F reiterated it has been clarified in the Group of Officers meeting convened by Cabinet secretariat that four islands have been given clearance while the proposal in respect of other projects have not been received by them. She assured necessary action as soon as the same is received from the Administration.

Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment (REIA) norms.

The LG (A&N) requested that either the REIA norms may be waived off for very small projects such as toilets, changing rooms etc. on beach side/way-side, or, powers should be given to a local committee under the Chief Secretary (with experts from domain area) to conduct REIA for the projects allowed at the level of ANCZMA i.e. for Projects less than Rs.5 Crore.

Adviser, MOEF mentioned that the principle of de minimis has been accepted wherever possible even in the case of infrastructure. A&N Administration does not need to seek clearance from Environment Ministry. She also assured a favourable look at other issues as well.

[Action to be taken by Ministry of Environment & Forests]

Delisting of Trochus Niloticus (Sea shell).

According to LG (A&N), Trochus Niloticus (Sea shell) is used by the local artisans for making handicrafts. Zoological Survey of India conducted a survey and recommended lifting of the ban on Trochus Niloticus (Sea shell), initially for a period of three years. The A & N Administration has submitted a proposal dated 11.05.2011 followed by letters from Chief Secretary and LG (A&N) dated 10th Sept., 2012, to MoEF for delisting of the species for a period of three years.

Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission mentioned that a copy of the proposals sent to the Ministry by the Administration should also be forwarded to the Planning Commission.

The M.P, A&N pointed out that poachers from neighbouring countries like Myanmar and Thailand are allowed to take away trochus niloticus but people of