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vi. Print media & outdoor campaigns.

d. **Supportive Infrastructure**

Supportive infrastructure needs to be created to promote tourism which includes hotels & tour operators (with different gradations), Seaplane/ Cruise ships/ Yachts/ Promotion of cycling, Entertainment hubs and Food courts etc. IT-ITES Initiatives would involve revamping website, E-Commerce and M-Commerce.

Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, enquired about the availability and categories of hotels available in the Andamans and room capacity in Port Blair. Director, Civil Aviation (A&N) informed that some of the hotels in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are four star and three stars and the rest of them have no star rating. The room capacity in the hotels in Port Blair is 3000.

M.P A&N showed some important photos of events and persons of historical importance. He cautioned against turning Viper islands into an adda of illegal activities as these islands are memorials of the martyrs. Member (SH) mentioned that the MP (A&N) had her given a copy of Yacht Marina and expressed his disgust against having it located there because it was place of archaeological importance and a memorial of the martyrs.

The Lt. Governor (A&N) said that the Yacht Marina project was conceived in 2008 and finalized in 2012. According to him there was nothing in this island, therefore, it was decided to have a yacht marina. He assured that the entire island except that site would be made a heritage site. The MP A&N raised objection against this project. The Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission asked the M.P, A&N to send a comprehensive note giving full details of all areas of concerns and points of contention.

POLICY FOR TRIBAL POPULATION

Lt. Governor (A&N) briefly gave an update on various issues involving policy for tribal people. He informed that in 2007 the A&N Administration was following the 2004 policy on Jarwas. It was noted that some tourist resorts were being set up around the reserved areas. The A&N Administration decided not to allow these tourist resorts and also decided to have a buffer zone. Many concerned parties approached the Supreme Court against this decision. The Supreme Court issued an order for closure of the Andamans Trunk Road. The Administration filed an IA in Supreme Court against the order as closure of the ATR would put a great burden on the Administration.