

Acquisition of a 40 Knots high speed ship

Secretary, Planning Commission informed that SCI had failed for the fourth time as there were no takers for the last bid opened on 09.10.2012. There are restrictive conditions in the specifications for the bid itself. She further stated that MoS would advise SCI on removing the restrictive conditions in the bid. A definitive answer from MoS would be obtained shortly.

After discussion it was decided to invite bid for vessels available in the market that can complete the journey in a day's time without night stops. The speed of the vessel was not important.

Correction of design deficiencies of Eastern side jetties

Member (KK) said that there are limited ways in which the jetties can be used, as these are not designed for use when the weather is very rough. He suggested that Usability of the jetties should be increased.

Construction of Greenfield Airstrip at Androth

The Administrator, UT said that letters have been sent to the Navy and MHA to identify the project proponent for the development of Green Field Airport.

Secretary, Planning Commission said that Lakshadweep Administration has requested that Airport Authority of India (AAI) be the project developer. She asked Ministry of Civil Aviation to direct the AAI to apply to the Steering Committee for Green field Project.

New Airport at Minicoy Island by Coast-Guard

Land acquisition process will start for providing an airstrip at Minicoy. Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Defense said that re-vetting of the cost estimates of the proposal needs to be done by the Lakshadweep Administration.

Extension of runway at Agatti

MoEF has cleared the project, land has to be handed over by the UT Administration. Secretary, Planning Commission requested Ministry of Civil Aviation to expedite the whole process and give a definite time line for the project.