

Low Temperature Thermal Desalination Plants by NIOT in Lakshadweep

It was noted that the project has been running for past many years. Secretary, Planning Commission said that a Sub Committee should be set up in Ministry to monitor that projects are completed on time.

Augmenting Education facilities in Lakshadweep

The MP, Lakshadweep pointed out that Education Dept. of the Union Territory is not active. Despite receiving several complaints, no response from the Lakshadweep Administration has been received. The infrastructure in the Calicut University to be provided by the UT Administration for Lakshadweep students is grossly inadequate.

Secretary, Planning Commission said that Lakshadweep being a Union Territory is the direct responsibility of the line Ministry. She emphasized the need to give proper attention to the issues raised by the MP and provide a feed back on the same.

The Administrator, UT of Lakshadweep requested that a team from Ministry of HRD should visit the UT and advise on various issues.

Secretary, Planning Commission stated that line Ministries must themselves take on responsibility of hand holding and pushing the process and projects as per the requirement. Sr. Consultant, Planning Commission suggested that Lakshadweep should have a sufficiently senior person as a Liaison Officer at the Centre who can carry forward the process and proposals. The local MP also requested for the same.

Issues discussed by MPs

Secretary, Planning Commission mentioned that the 10 issues from M.P were received in the meeting itself and due to paucity of time, could not be circulated among concerned Ministries for their comments. She suggested that an update on the issues raised by the MP (A&N) be sought from the concerned Ministries.

The MP A&N stated that the problems raised by him should be resolved by constituting a Sub Committee. He pointed out that the decision taken in the 10th IDA meeting has not been implemented so far. He mentioned that the IDA passed a resolution that the families of forest encroachers will be allotted land and provided other compensation for their rehabilitation, but no action has been taken so far in this regard. About 70 % people of A&N are scheduled caste and it was agreed that scheduled caste status should also be given to them. The M.P further mentioned that it was also decided in the 10th meeting of IDA that a Committee