should be constituted for selection of Group C and D staff, but this has not been done so far. He further mentioned that Sluice Gate has not been built despite fund availability. Farmers problems has not been solved and they are suffering on this account. Development of the islands has been hampered due to various objections from Ministry of Defence and Environment. The issue of Mediclaim is still pending despite approval by the Minister. The MP Lakshadweep pointed out that if they are required to take up all these issues in Parliament, no purpose would be served by having an IDA.

Member (SH) said that it is hoped that the issues raised by the MPs will be answered before the IDA meeting is held.

Secretary, Planning Commission requested the LG (A&N) to look into all the issues raised by MP, which have not been adequately addressed to. The LG (A&N) mentioned that some issues will be resolved in consultation with the concerned Ministries while 2-3 issues will be taken up for a decision in IDA meeting.

Member (SH) urged all the Members and Officers and line Ministries to make efforts to satisfy both the M.Ps. on the issues raised by them.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to the Chair.