

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 30.10.2012 at 10.30 A.M in the Conference hall of Secretariat to discuss on the issues raised by Hon'ble Member of Parliament for flagged in the 14th meeting of Standing Committee of Island Development Authority.

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2. List of Participants is annexed at **Annexure -A**

3. At the outset the Chief Secretary welcomed the Hon'ble Member of Parliament and all other Senior Officers of A & N Administration. The Chief Secretary requested the Member of Parliament to present the issues according to the priority.

4. Hon'ble Member of Parliament made a Power Point Presentation on Security shortcomings in the west coast of North, Middle and South Andaman Forest cover. He emphasized the need for positioning Forest and Police beats in the west coast to check and control poaching activities in abundance as explained by him during the presentation. In this context he had referred to the decision taken by the Island Development Authority in its 13th Meeting held at New Delhi on 15.06.2011, wherein it was decided that "Minister for Environment and Forests will, in consultation with the A & N Administration and the local Member of Parliament, assess the manpower and other logistic requirements of A & N Island Administration to prevent poaching and damage to the forests and other natural habitats in Andaman & Nicobar Islands."

The Member of Parliament expressed that the Ministry of Forest and Environment had finalized the report without consulting him, which he wanted to be reviewed