

To make marine resources as the backbone of the islands economy, the Government of India should create necessary infrastructure, extend financial support and train manpower. A statutory marine resources Board for the islands be created.

Designing and making Garments:

45. Self help groups or women cooperatives for garment making and designing be promoted and training in these arts be imparted to women.

Infrastructure Development:

46. To make the islands economically, socially and ecologically resilient and self sufficient, the following infrastructure should be developed:

- (i) Sea transport network be augmented immediately between mainland and the islands and between islands. The frequency of helicopter service between the islands be enhanced.
- (ii) Communication network system be modernized and strengthened.
- (iii) Marketing facilities for produce from Nicobar Islands be augmented.
- (iv) Vocational education that provide skills to manage the resources of islands sustainably be expanded.
- (v) Anti-poaching squad such as marine police cadre be created to curb poaching activities, particularly marine resources.
- (vi) The Department of Forests be strengthened in terms of infrastructure (such as sea transport and land transport, communication network, camping facilities in the field etc.) and manpower at all levels.