

Statement on Decisions taken at the 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Standing Committee of Island Development Authority

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S.no	ISSUE	BRIEF	Decisions taken
A.(9) SHIPPING & PORT (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)			
1.	Acquisition of New Ships  A&NI Admn	<p>A proposal for acquisition of 25 new ships (8 large size and 17 small size vessels) during the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan was approved in July 2007 by the Ship Acquisition Committee of the Ministry of Shipping. The ships are for replacement of vessels and to meet the increased demand. Of late, SCI has expressed inability to undertake acquisition of 17 Nos smaller size vessels. Two 500 passenger vessels are awaiting approval of EFC.</p> <p>In respect of orders placed by the UT Admn. in the past, none of the shipyard especially PSUs have delivered any of the ship in time, or within costs. There is a delay of about 5-15 yrs in most of the cases.</p> <p>The following proposals may be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. may be directed to hasten the acquisition process for 2 Nos. 500 pax and 2 Nos. 1200 pax vessels.</li> <li>ii) Ministry of Shipping to expedite the EFC clearance for 2 Nos. 500 pax vessels.</li> <li>iii) Ministry of Shipping should explore the possibility of purchasing from the international market.</li> <li>iv) Planning Commission may have to consider allocation of additional funds of Rs.2230 crores during XI and XII Five Year Plan as per the tentative phasing of expenditure.</li> <li>v) The Ministry of Shipping, Govt. of India to set up a monitoring mechanism for expediting the vessels ordered by the UT admn. which have been delayed including the 500 pax vessel on ABG shipyard Ltd..</li> </ul>	<p>It was decided that Member Secretary, Planning Commission should hold an Inter-ministerial meeting for all shipping related issues, placed before the Standing Committee meeting of IDA on 26th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions.</p> <p>Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.</p> <p>(This is for issue No: 1 to 9)</p>
2.	Transshipment Port at South Bay (Great Nicobar)  MP-A&NI	<p>This project was under consideration by GOI since 1970. Presently, M/s Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd have been awarded the consultancy for 'conducting Techno - Economic Feasibility and Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment Studies for creating Transshipment Port at South Bay, Great Nicobar Islands of A &amp; N Islands' and they have completed all the required studies for which final reports are expected by July 2010.</p>	<p>It was decided that Member Secretary, Planning Commission should hold an Inter-ministerial meeting for all shipping related issues, placed before the Standing Committee meeting of IDA on 26th July 2010 to take appropriate decisions.</p> <p>Issues if any requiring a decision by</p>