

		Ministry of Defence has suggested that construction of break waters at Kavaratti and Minicoy Port will assist the ships to operate during Monsoon period.	
8.	Management of Shipping Services/ MP-Lakshadweep	<p>a) The shipping schedule should be better managed. Problems regarding shortage of tickets reserving tickets are a cause of concern. It is necessary to adopt a scientific approach for drawing up a proper schedule of the ships and for managing reservations.</p> <p>b) Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited, which handles crew and schedules on behalf of the Government, has outsourced its crew related business to third parties. However, the company has outsourced its crew related business to third parties. Hence Islanders who are qualified to be employed in the ships are not being utilized. It is therefore necessary that the crew of at least few of the ships are recruited through deputation or direct employment by LDCL itself so that officials of Lakshadweep Administration who are qualified are given an opportunity to serve on the ships plying in the islands.</p> <p>c) Better facilities have to be ensured at Cochin Port Trust for embarkation and disembarkation of passengers from ships.</p> <p>d) The working of management and functioning of LDCL has to be revamped in order to give it a more professional management and to ensure that its functioning is properly monitored by PMO.</p>	<p>It was explained that a new General Manager has been appointed in the LDCL to improve the shipping services. Berthing facilities exclusively for the people of Lakshadweep at Kochi are expected to be available by August, 2011.</p>
9.	Dedicated Ship for Tourism MP Lakshadweep	A dedicated ship just to cater to the needs of tourists should be arranged so that it does not clash with the interests of Islanders. Tourism should be developed on the basis of 'bearing capacity' of the islands.	
B (i). CIVIL AVIATION (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)			
10.	Airlines adherence Route-Dispersal Guidelines of GoI A&NI Admn.	As per the route dispersal guidelines of Govt. of India, the domestic operators have to provide 10 % of their routes in metros to remote places viz. North-East-States, A & N Islands and Lakshadweep. Whereas, in case of A & N Islands, the Airlines have not complied with the guidelines of GoI, thereby, only three Airlines are presently operating to Port Blair namely, Air India, Jet Airways and Kingfisher. Whereas, in the past, there were 13 flights per day operated by Air India, Jet Airways, Air Sahara, Air Deccan, Spice Jet and King Fisher. During this period, the tourism industry was given a much needed boost due to the availability of seats at	It was decided that Member-Secretary, Planning Commission will hold a meeting with the Secretaries of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Tourism, Defence, Expenditure, Chief Secretary, ANI and Administrator, Lakshadweep to discuss all issues related to civil aviation placed before