

		<p>competitive and economic fare ranging from Rs. 4000 to 7000/-. However, the scenario has completely changed due to internal understanding reached between the private airlines to avoid competition. At present, there are only six flights being Operated to Port Blair sector by three operators. This has given an ideal platform for exploiting the local air-passengers. The rate charged by them for one way journey in economic class between Port Blair – Chennai/ Kolkata is twice higher than the fare available in other Domestic/ International sectors with similar distances.</p> <p>The matter for increasing the frequency of flights to Port Blair was taken up with the GoI since 2008.</p>	<p>the Standing committee meeting of IDA. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.</p> <p>(This is for agenda issues no: 10-19)</p>
11.	<p>Air Fare between Port Blair To Chennai and Kolkata for the Islanders MP- A&NI</p>	<p>The airfare should be fixed within the range of Rs. 5000/- to 6000/- in Air India and other private Airlines.</p> <p>Further, at least 25 seats should be reserved in each flight for the Islanders as per local norms of the Administration against the Ship tickets.</p>	<p>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 the Standing committee meeting of IDA. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.</p>
12.	<p>Transfer of Air Traffic Control from Andaman Nicobar Command(ANC) to Airports Authority of India:- A&NI Admn.</p>	<p>Operational compulsions of the Defence requirements have restricted the Air Traffic Control (ATC) facilities for civil aircraft operations upto 1300 hrs at Port Blair airport. Due to these restrictions, the airlines are not able to augment the frequency of services to Port Blair and these islands remain totally cut off from mainland after 1300 hrs. The airport being the life-line of these Islands, needs to be operationalised round-the-clock for facilitating day and night operations of civil flights both Domestic and International. Such an arrangement would go a long way in the overall development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.</p> <p>The matter for extension of ATC watch hours including night landing has been taken up with the Ministry of Defence, GoI persistently by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration since 2007</p>	<p>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 the Standing committee meeting of IDA. Issues if any requiring a decision by the IDA will be placed before the IDA meeting.</p>
13.	Flight services to	Flight services from Vizag, Madurai, Mumbai, Kochin, etc to Port Blair and back,	It was decided that Member-