

to stretcher patients A&NI Admn	<p>Islands, critically ill-patients needing immediate and advanced medical treatment are referred to mainland by air as a life saving measure. At times, such patients are required to be shifted to mainland on stretcher. In such cases, Airlines charge the stretcher-borne patient "six times the basic-fare" ranging from Rs. 90,000/- to Rs. 1,40,000/- (approximately) for transportation by air on Port Blair – Chennai sector. The matter was taken up with the Hon'ble Minister of Civil Aviation for considering sympathetically for changing "single-seat-fare" for stretcher patients.</p> <p>It is suggested that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Civil Aviation to impress upon Airlines to charge single fare for Stretcher Patients • Ministry of Defence to impress upon A&N Command to provide air ambulance facility and SOP for this purpose. 	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.
B.(ii) CIVIL AVIATION (Lakshadweep)		
16. Daily flight between Kochi-Agatti sector and flights to Mangalore and Calicut to boost tourism. UTL/ Min of Tourism	<p>Air India was operating four services per week on the Kochi-Agatti sector until end May 2008 with the two D-228 aircraft. Air India was constrained to withdraw these services due to difficulties faced in the maintenance of these aircrafts which were over 23 years old.</p> <p>Operations on Kochi-Agatti sector were restored with effect from 6.4.09 by Air India by operating four services per week with wet leased Beechcraft- 1900-D aircraft after obtaining required clearances.</p> <p>Indian Airlines has stopped its flight between Kochi-Agatti from 1st May 2010. Administrator, Lakshadweep has requested Secretary, Civil Aviation on 26.4.10 to get the flight restarted.</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
17. Renaming of Agatti Airport MP-Lakshadweep	Agatti airport should be renamed as "P.M.Sayed Airport" in memory of the late leader.	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.