

29.	Sewage Treatment Plants in all 10 inhabited islands Ministry of Defence	The Lakshadweep group of islands is situated in an ecologically sensitive coral growth area. As of now, human waste is disposed off into the sea, as no island is having a sewage treatment plant. With an increase in population, sensitivity of these pristine islands is at risk, owing to the dumping of these wastes into the sea. Hence, the issue of installation of sewage treatment plants in all the ten inhabited islands needs to be addressed expeditiously.	It was explained that DRDO was expected to install bio toilets in each islands by end of July, 2010. However, these have not been completed. It was decided that Administration would submit a progress report on the installation of the bio-toilets to the Planning Commission by the mid-August so as to expedite DRDO and ensure completion in time.
F. (i) TELECOM (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)			
30.	Sub Marine Optical Fibre Cable MP-A&N/IA&NI Admn.	Telecommunication Commission has recommended a scheme for 'Under sea cabling' between mainland and Andaman & Nicobar Islands through a Spur Route at an estimated cost of Rs.522.06 crore. The scheme is to be implemented by M/s. Millennium Telecom Limited (MTL). The financial evaluation report of the bid for the execution of the project has been submitted to the MTL Board. MTL Board in its meeting held on 1.6.2010 has decided to cancel the tender considering the following. a) The project of laying undersea cable to Singapore was not found viable as the capital cost based on the offer received is too high. b) As the tender is very old (Sep2008)& as per CVC guidelines it will neither be appropriate to operate on such a old tender nor to negotiate the bidder. Planning Commission held a meeting in 2.6. 2010 to review the project and has asked Ministry of Telecom to provide details/options for reviving the project.	While the Dept of Telecom will inform the Planning Commission about the various options suggested at the meeting held on 1.6.2010, Member (KK) will hold a meeting sometime in August, 2010 with the Department of Telecom and the Department of Space to consider and take a view on the appropriate system of connectivity of ANL.
F. (ii) POWER (Lakshadweep)			
31.	Promoting New and Renewable Energy. MP-Lakshadweep	Presently power is generated through diesel generator. Considering the fragile ecology, it is absolutely necessary to adopt eco friendly projects, viz solar, windmill and tidal generated power in the islands. A study and implementation of the projects to promote non-conventional energy should be initiated forthwith.	The issue was not taken up for Discussion.