

47. Separate Protection Zone Notification for A&NI and	<p>Issue of a separate Island Protection Zone Notification for Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands providing special dispensation to these islands from Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.</p>	ANI Administration expressed difficulties in preparing integrated plan for each island as suggested in the draft notification on Coastal
	<p>even using the East-West road which would cause immense damage to the Shompen Tribe's way of life as it passes through the middle of their Reserve. MoEF is in agreement with both the Committee's reports that the tribal reserve areas are also treasure of pristine bio diversity and no forestry working will be done there. Ministry will follow hands off policy from these forest areas. However, the issues of Andaman Trunk Road and bringing Jarawas in the mainstream are to be dealt with by A&N Administration according to the advice of Tribal Development and other Ministries.</p> <p>iii) Coastal Zone Protection and Sand Mining: The MoEF is in the process of amending the present CRZ notification of 1991. As per the draft proposed notification Islands need to prepare integrated Island Management Plan within one year from the date of notification, i.e. 25 February 2010 specifying therein the areas, indicate the existing and the proposed developments, conservation and preservation schemes, dwelling units including infrastructure project such as schools, markets, hospitals, public facilities, etc. This will be finalized based on the suggestions and opinion from various stakeholders. However, this has been proposed as a separate agenda in the next Standing Committee meeting of the IDA.</p> <p>iv) Andaman has 87% forest land and 13% non forest land. Any development of infrastructure if it is required to be done on forest land then permission under Forest Conservation Act will have to be obtained and there is no shortcut to divert operational forest land for infrastructure development without getting FCA clearance, de-reservation of such a land is also more time consuming proposition as it has to be approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. However, suitable cases of diversion of forest land for infrastructure development purpose can be considered within the ambit of FCA, 1980. Besides most of the development will have to come in coastal areas which will have to follow Coastal Zone Management Plan.</p> <p>v) Development of Eco Tourism in Andaman & Nicobar has been suggested by both the experts and MoEF is in broad agreement to this. Andaman has a tremendous potential of tourism development but in friendly way. Any proposal in this regard prepared by the Tourism Ministry or Andaman Administration which will maintain and respect ecological sanctity and involving the local people can be supported by the MoEF within the framework of existing legislation.</p>	

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