

Agenda Item 3

6. Deputy Chairman informed that the TRP for all States, including ANI, was reviewed by the EGOM headed by the then Home Minister sometime back. After a brief discussion, the IDA agreed to endorse the extension of time period for completion of TRP in ANI by one year i.e. upto March 2010.

Brief remarks by Member of Parliament, ANI

7. Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, MP congratulated the Prime Minister for convening the meeting of the IDA. He informed that though action had been initiated to address the problems of Tsunami victims, due to financial constraints, it was still not visible. Hon'ble MP, ANI requested action on the following items:-

- (a) one year extension in providing free rations to tsunami victims, who are staying in temporary shelters and the farmers, who are not staying in temporary shelters;
- (b) establishment of one Central University in ANI from the 14 Central Universities announced by the Government;
- (c) special efforts to fill up vacancies of teachers and lecturers;
- (d) enhancement in financial powers of LG, ANI;
- (e) more funds to PRIs for taking up development works like road construction;
- (f) construction of three new bridges;
- (g) development of tourism;
- (h) regularization of 500 daily rate works in Electricity Department of ANI Administration;
- (i) early decision by GOM headed by Shri Pranab Mukherjee on Legislative Assembly for ANI.

Presentation by LG, ANI

8. Lt. Governor, ANI made a detailed presentation highlighting the need for improving coastal security, inadequate availability of revenue land for undertaking development projects, slow growth in local islands economy, early finalization of proposed tourism policy, efforts to tap the fisheries potential, early approval of Rutland Project involving laying of submarine pipelines by MoUD, posting of medical Specialists of CHS by Ministry of Health, faster progress on construction of roads in Great Nicobar by Border Roads Organization, early approval to the proposal on providing cash compensation in lieu of cattle livestock lost during Tsunami, submarine cable to promote IT and ITes, special initiative by Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) to help upgrade skills, early clearance of Ministry of Shipping for Teresa and Katchal Port projects, early decision on Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forest Produce Development Corporation (ANIFPDC) and early finalization of tenders by SCI on purchase of vessels.