

Shri. Pardeep Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Shipping) intimated that the Minutes of the Meeting (EFC notes) have been wrongly entered and this has already been taken up with the ministry (Dept. of Expenditure) to relax certain norms. Further, he added that one 400 PAX vessels is under construction from last 15 to 20 years, another 400 PAX vessels is also under construction and for another 500 PAX vessel, the tender documents have been almost prepared. All these vessels will be useful in the Southern Groups of Islands.

The Hon'ble MP asked to collect the details of catamarans of Lakshadweep because there getting subsidy but it is meant for Islanders. Accordingly, fares are to be fixed. If it is to be run for tourist then the funds required is to be obtained from tourism Ministry and A & N Plan funds should not be used for this purpose. **The DPC proposed the total outlay under shipping sector to Rs. 5000 Lakhs. The DSS agreed.**

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Shri. A R Marudhavanan, Member asked to construct a jetty at Dignabad. Till the completion of the Dignabad jetty, the fishermen and Sand Dinghies may be allowed to kept at fisheries / Cholunga jetties.

The Chief Port Administrator told that is not possible due to various reasons. Meanwhile, they have advised the dinghy owners to keep their boats at Panighat.

The Hon'ble MP told that a fishermen jetty is urgently required at Dignabad because the people evicted from Aberdeen Jetty and now staying nearby Dignabad areas are facing difficulties to keep their boats. This matter was already discussed with Shri. Vidhyasagar Rao, MOS (Home) on 6.4.2000 and he has visited the site and assured to built a jetty there. Further, MP enquired whether jetties at Neil Island, Mithakhari, Panighat are included in plan or not.

The Chief Port Administrator told that Panighat and Dignabad are included at Page No. 10 Item No-7 and page No. 11 Item No. 3. Regarding Dignabad, already survey is completed and the estimates are under preparation.

The Chief Port Administrator told that the communication system at present is very weak. Hence, the VHF and other communication equipments are to be procured immediately in safety point of views. **The CPA agreed to surrender Rs. 20 Lakhs**

Shri. Pradeep Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary told that the Tourism related activities can be developed from area Bay Island to Water sports complex, Aberdeen Jetty because it has good scenic view and potential. Hence, it is to be decided that whether jetties is to be constructed at Dignabad for Fishing or Tourism are to be developed here because being a potential area many tourist will be attracted here and they may pay as paying guests.

The Hon'ble MP stated that at Dignabad paying guest and other tourism related activities cannot be developed due to scarcity of land. The maximum residents of Dignabad are Pre-42 and they are already short of land and facing residential problems. The MP asked to construct jetties at Bada Balu and Kalapahad (Rut land) at Port Blair. Further, he stressed upon to construct new jetties at Shanti Nagar, Ganesh nagar, Pachim Sagar, kakana, Teressa (Safed Balu) Shyamkund, Bornial under Bakultala Gram Panchayat, Jagannathdera at Diglipur, Hanspuri at Mayabunder, Koranallah in Little Andaman, as such most of the villages situated in and around these places are settlement villages and they have no proper means of road transport.