

Second Visit of Task Force on Reducing Compliance Burden and Deregulation to Andaman and Nicobar

22-July-2025

A meeting was held between Shri Vijay Kumar, Chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India and Member of the Task Force, and Shri Chandra Bhushan, Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, along with officers from the concerned departments and representatives of Industry Associations, to discuss the progress of the Action Plan, including milestones and timelines for priority areas. The list of participants is provided in **Annexure-II**.

2. At the outset, the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration welcomed the participants and reaffirmed his and his team's commitment to working collaboratively with the Task Force. The Chairman of IWAI complimented the UT Administration for making significant progress in the majority of the priority areas. The task force member also re-engaged with Industry Associations to gather feedback on the ground-level impact, and the action taken on the Minutes of Meeting held with the Industry Associations during the first visit.

3. The meeting was conducted through the dashboard to assess the present status of each priority area along with its milestones and the action taken on the issues highlighted by the Industry Association during first visit. Chairman, IWAI also encouraged the Chief Secretary and officers of Andaman and Nicobar along with the Industry Association to identify and suggest additional priority areas for the next phase of Compliance Reduction and Deregulation, thereby enhancing the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) in the States/UTs.

4. Out of the 23 identified priority areas, all are under implementation. Among these, 18 have been accepted by the DR Cell, while the remaining 5 have been submitted to the DR Cell for review.

5. The details of the priority areas that were discussed is annexed. **Annexure – I**

The details of the priority areas that were discussed are as under

Priority Area 1 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Adopting a flexible zoning framework that allows for mixed- use development activities, inclusive zoning norms with a negative list of activities not permissible in a zone, transit-oriented development and reducing the number of sub-classifications in a zone. <i>DR Cell Remark: UT may share the draft modifications once ready</i>			
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<p>the existing provisions of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994 allows the HLG to make modification to the Master Plan which in his opinion do not relate to important alterations in the character of the Plan and which is do not relate to the extent of landuse or the standard of population density. In view of the above, the modifications to be effected has to be divided into two categories viz 1. Modification by the HLG, 2. Modification by the Central Government. Accordingly, the Action Plan consists of Milestones with Timelines for modification of Master Plans based on the recommendations of Technical Self-Assessment Committee has been worked out and furnished as below:-</p> <p>Action Plan 1) A Technical Self-Assessment Committee has been constituted vide Administration Order No. 1222 dated 14.05.2025 to</p>	2025-06-15	Ongoing	<p>A Technical Self-Assessment Committee has been Constituted for examining the provisions of Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area & Master Plan for Swaraj & Shaheed Dweep Planning Area to adopt the Priority Areas identified under Ease of Doing Business (EoDB). The Modification proposal contemplated on the Master Plans is under preparation for Submission to HLG.</p> <p>The Task Force observed that the current milestones are lagging behind schedule. It was suggested that necessary steps be taken to make up for the delay in the upcoming milestones and to ensure that no further slippage occur.</p>

examine the matters and the committee will submit the report by 15th June 2025. 2) As per the existing provisions of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994, under which the Master Plans are prepared, the amendments are taken up into two stages as detailed below: - a). With the approval of Hon'ble LG b). With the approval of Gol- on the recommendation of Andaman & Nicobar Administration.			A copy of the technical self-assessment report indicating how the suggestions are addressing the concerned PA may be shared with the Task Force.
Copies of the existing provisions of the Master Plan are enclosed herewith	2025-05-17	Completed	
Finalization of modification proposal for two stages i.e., the modification effected within the powers of HLG and the modifications to be carried out by the Central Government.	2025-06-30	Ongoing	
Submission of both stages of the draft proposals for modification for approval of HLG	2025-07-15	Yet to start	
Notification of both the stages of the draft proposals for inviting objections and suggestions with the approval of HLG.	2025-07-30	Yet to start	
Priority Area 2 – Pending at DR Cell and Under Implementation Simplifying and Digitizing the process for Change in Land Use (CLU) by reducing the list of Required Documents and time taken for CLU and enabling an Online Application Process. <i>DR Cell Remarks: UT should reduce the timelines to dispose off pending cases.</i>			

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Sending proposal to MHA for seeking the required exemption of approvals in Change of Land Use (CLU) service for industries designated in industrial zones after taking concurrence of all concerned departments and approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor.	2025-06-30	Completed	For the amendment of Section 40 of the A & N Islands Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulations, 1966, the Administration has initiated steps to obtain approval from the MHA. It is informed that the proposal will be sent to MHA within a week.
Sending proposal to MHA for seeking the required exemption for relaxation in the CLU norms for MSMEs after taking concurrence of all concerned departments and approval of Hon'ble Lt. Governor.	2025-06-30	Completed	<p>The Task Force was informed that the online portal for CLU is ready and will soon undergo a security audit. The UT informed that it will dispose 5% of CLU cases by July. Task Force member requested that breakup of total number of CLU cases classified by type of land use, such as residential, commercial, etc. may be shared.</p> <p>Too many documents are needed for CLU change. The number of document to be further rationalized in view of the best practices of the other State/UTs.</p>
Priority Area 3 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Rationalizing minimum road width requirements for different categories of industries in rural			

areas to enhance accessibility and support industrial growth.

DR Cell Remark: UT may share the draft modifications once ready.

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Constitution of Technical Self-Assessment Committee & Submission of Report The existing provisions of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994 allows the HLG to make modification to the Master Plan which in his opinion do not relate to important alterations in the character of the Plan and which is do not relate to the extent of landuse or the standard of population density. In view of the above, the modifications to be effected has to be divided into two categories viz 1. Modification by the HLG, 2. Modification by the Central Government. Accordingly, the Action Plan consists of Milestones with Timelines for modification of Master Plans based on the recommendations of Technical Self-Assessment Committee has been worked out and furnished as below:- Action Plan 1) A Technical Self-Assessment Committee has been constituted vide Administration Order No. 1222 dated 14.05.2025 to examine the matters and the committee will submit the report by 15th June 2025. 2) As per the existing provisions of Andaman &	2025-06-15	Ongoing	<p>A Technical Self-Assessment Committee has been Constituted for examining the provisions of Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning Area & Master Plan for Swaraj & Shaheed Dweep Planning Area to adopt the Priority Areas identified under Ease of Doing Business (EoDB). The Modification proposal contemplated on the Master Plans are under preparation for Submission to HLG.</p> <p>The UT informed that small industries operating with less than 100 HP are not subject to any minimum road width requirement.</p> <p>A copy of the technical self-assessment report indicating how the recommendation address the concerned PA may be shared with the Task the Task Force.</p> <p>It was suggested that necessary steps be taken to make up for the delay in the</p>

Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation, 1994, under which the Master Plans are prepared, the amendments are taken up into two stages as detailed below: - a). With the approval of Hon'ble LG b). With the approval of Gol- on the recommendation of Andaman & Nicobar Administration.			upcoming milestones and to ensure that no further slippage occur.
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Submission of both stages of the draft proposals for modification for approval of HLG	2025-07-15	Ongoing	
Notification of both the stages of the draft proposals for inviting objections and suggestions with the approval of HLG.	2025-07-30	Ongoing	
Priority Area 4 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation GIS databank for industrial land available, integrated with India Industrial Land Bank (IILB).			
Milestone	Due Date	Status	Remarks
The Department is coordinating with SOVTECH and NIC in the matter and once the software for	2025-06-15	Completed	Industrial Estate portal has been developed to provide comprehensive information

<p>Allotment and Management of Industrial estate in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is completed, all the components mentioned in the priority area will be covered. As of now, the Department has already uploaded the basic information in GIS format in the India Industrial Land Bank Portal and is further coordinating with National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) for updation. The screenshots of the IILB portal including the details of infrastructure and facilities available on vacant land parcels is uploaded. Dry Run will be done by 15.06.2025</p>			<p>on Industrial Land allotment procedure.</p> <p>It was also shared that the online system is being enhanced by incorporating a structured database to enable land searches based on district, zone, or sector.</p> <p>UT is coordinating with the NICDC for updation of the Industrial Estate data in the IILB Portal.</p>
<p>Finalization of software by 15.07.2025</p>	2025-07-15	Completed	
<p>Industrial Estate portal is being developed to integrate the comprehensive information on the Industrial Land allotment procedure followed, ensuring transparency and ease of understanding for Investors. The A&N Islands Industrial Estate (Allotment and Management) Policy 2025 has been notified and is available in the Website of Department. Copy of screenshot is uploaded. The Dry Run will be done on 15.06.2025</p>	2025-06-15	Completed	
<p>Industrial Estate portal is being</p>	2025-07-15	Completed	

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<p>The Department is coordinating with the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) for updation of the Industrial Estate data in the IILB Portal. Towards this, a letter dated 01.05.2025 has been sent to the CEO & MD, NICDC along with the Estate wise details for updating data. The data will be updated by 30th May 2025. Copy of email and copy of said letter dated 01.05.2025 is uploaded.</p>	2025-05-30	Ongoing	
<p>Priority Area 5 & 6 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Amend Building Regulations to reduce land loss in industrial and commercial plots <i>DR Cell Remark: UT may share the draft modifications once ready</i></p>			
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Constitution of Technical Self-	2025-06-15	Ongoing	A Technical Self-Assessment

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Notification of both the stages of the draft proposals for inviting objections and suggestions with the approval of HLG.	2025-07-30	Yet to start	
Priority Area 7 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Increase the role of empaneled third parties in building approvals and joint inspections <i>DR Cell Remark: UT may edit the reference to Kachal biosphere reserve which has been confirmed by TFM as erroneous entry</i>			
Milestone	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) As per the existing records & confirmation from the DFO concerned, there is no designated 'Katchal Marine Biosphere Reserve'. However, the Great Nicobar Biosphere Reserve are governed	2025-06-10	Completed	During discussions, concerns were raised regarding the extensive list

under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. There is no building plan approved till now, any proposal for diversion of forest land within this reserve for non-forestry purposes requires prior clearance under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 along with clearance from the State Wildlife Board as per the provisions. The matter which is being referred is related to Forest Department and it is not relevant to Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council.			<p>of documents and excessive timeline (200 days) for obtaining approvals. It was recommended that the documentation requirements be rationalized in line with best practices outlined in the docket, and the byelaws be revised accordingly.</p> <p>It was suggested to provide additional milestones for reviewing the number of documents and timelines for the approval.</p>
b) To enhance the role of third parties in building plan approvals and joint inspections, a tentative action plan has been submitted. It will be implemented based on the risk classification carried out by the concerned Town and Country Planning. Tentative timeline for induction of third party for approvals and joint inspection subjected to risk-based classification 1. Policy formation (Draft guidelines for empanelment criteria based on national guidelines, BIS etc., Qualification criteria)	2025-07-31	Ongoing	<p>UT will streamline the processes with in a week.</p>
Priority Area 8 – Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Simplifying the process for issuing Occupation/Completion certification of buildings <i>DR Cell Remark: UT may share the draft modifications once ready</i>			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
Detailed Action Plan SPA 30, 31, 32	2025-06-15	Ongoing	DIC Partner application has

(1) DigiLocker Document Fetch Integration (a) Kickoff Phase (for onboarding)			been Submitted and its under Verification stage.
(b) API Development & Integration	2025-06-30	Ongoing	
(c) UI/UX Enhancement	2025-07-30	Yet to start	
2. Issuance of Digitally Signed Completion/Occupancy Certificates via DigiLocker (a) System Design & Requirements Gathering	2025-06-20	Completed	The system design and requirement gathering have been completed. The process is currently awaiting verification from Digilocker. Once the verification is complete, a request will be made to Digilocker to publish the API.
Priority Area 9 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Remove prohibitions on women from working in certain 'hazardous' industries			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
i. The Draft Notificationhas been approved by HLG on 29.05.2025	2025-05-29	Completed	Draft Notification has been prepared which allows night time employment of women in certain 'hazardous' industries. The Final Notification shall be submitted for approval of HLG by 31-07-2025.
ii. Publication of Draft Notificationfor inviting objections/suggestions for a period of 45 days was done on 03/06/2025.	2025-06-03	Completed	
iii. The Final Notification shall be submitted for approval of HLG by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Yet to start	
Priority Area 10 – Pending at DR Cell and Already Implemented Allow night-time employment of women (7pm-6am) in all factories			

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) i. The Draft Notification has been approved by HLG on 29.05.2025.	2025-05-29	Completed	Draft Notification has been prepared which allows employment of women in factories. The Final Notification shall be submitted for approval of HLG by 31-07-2025. Issue of Gazette Notification of the Factories (Andaman and Nicobar Islands Amendment) Regulation, 2025 by 15.08.2025.
ii. Publication of Draft Notification for inviting objections/suggestions for a period of 45 days was done on 03/06/2025.	2025-06-03	Completed	
iii. The Final Notification shall be submitted for approval of HLG by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Yet to start	

Priority Area 11 - Pending at DR Cell and Under Implementation

Allow night-time employment of women in all occupations (shops and commercial establishments).

DR Cell Remarks: Discretionary powers may be considered for being shifted from Labour Commissioner to the Administrator, if at all required

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) The Draft Notification has been approved by HLG on 29.05.2025	2025-05-29	Completed	Draft Notification has been prepared which allows employment of women in shops and commercial establishment.
b) The proposal was submitted to MHA on 06.06.2025	2025-06-06	Completed	
c) The revised Draft Regulation as proposed by the DPIIT shall be submitted to MHA by 11.06.2025.	2025-06-11	Yet to start	The Final Notification shall be submitted for approval of HLG by 31-07-2025. Issue of Gazette Notification of the Factories (Andaman and Nicobar Islands Amendment) Regulation,

			2025 by 15.08.2025.
Priority Area 12 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Revise the working hours limit for factories			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
i. The Draft Regulation under Factories Act, 1948 was approved by HLG by 29.05.2025.	2025-05-29	Completed	UT has already implemented the following working hour limit for factories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase of daily regular hours from 9 to 10 hours. ▪ Increase spread over from 10.5 to 12 hours. ▪ Increase the maximum period of continuous work before mandated rest from 5 to 6 hours.
ii. The proposal has been submitted to MHA on 06.06.2025.	2025-06-06	Completed	
iii. For approval of MHA/Competent Authority in GoI by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Yet to start	Draft regulation submitted to MHA to Increase quarterly over time hours from 75 to 144 hours. For approval of MHA/Competent Authority in GoI by 31.07.2025. Issue of Gazette Notification of the Factories (Andaman and Nicobar Islands)

			Amendment) Regulation, 2025 by 15.08.2025.
Priority Area 13 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Revise the following limits on working hour limits for commercial establishments			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) The Draft Notification after vetting of Law Department has been submitted for approval of HLG on 23.05.2025	2025-05-23	Completed	The proposal along with Draft Regulation has been submitted to MHA on 06-06-2025 which will Increase the limit from 9 to 10 hrs and Allow employers to give a minimum rest of 30 minutes at any point in the shift.
b) The proposal shall be submitted to MHA after approval of HLG by 07.06.2025	2025-06-07	Completed	
c) For approval of MHA/Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Yet to start	<p>The provision of weekly 48 hours and spread over of 12 hours already exists in Section 8 of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004</p> <p>For approval of MHA / Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025. Issue of Gazette Notification of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment (Amendment) Regulation, 2025 by 15.08.2025.</p>
Priority Area 14 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Increase the threshold of workers for the closure of factories, retrenchment and layoff			

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) The Draft Notification after vetting of Law Department has been submitted for approval of HLG on 23.05.2025.	2025-05-23	Completed	The proposal has been submitted to MHA on 06-06-2025 to increase the threshold of number of workers for prior permission for closure, retrenchment and layoff from 100 to 300 workers.
b) The proposal shall be submitted to MHA after approval of HLG by 07.06.2025.	2025-06-07	Completed	
c) For approval of MHA/Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Yet to start	For approval of MHA / Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025. Issue of Gazette Notification of The Industrial Disputes (Andaman and Nicobar Islands Amendment) by 15-08-2025

Priority Area 15- Pending at DR Cell and Under Implementation

Third Party Certification for Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) currently issued by State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)

DR Cell Remarks: UT may examine the documents and rationalize according to best practices of other States/UTs.

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
1-Third Party Certification a. Finalization of policy and SOP on Third Party Certification	2025-06-30	Ongoing	UT has implemented self-certification and reduced the number of documents required for approval from 10 to 6. On this, the Task Force suggested for further rationalizing the documents as per the best practices in
1-Third Party Certification b. Identifying independent agencies and implementation	2025-07-31	Ongoing	
2- Documents sought for issue of	2025-06-	Completed	

CTE/CTO a. Concurrence from Law department (Completed)	15		the docket. Progress on the SOP for third-party certification needs to be expedited. It was also requested to consult other states/UTs such as Tripura and Puducherry. The UT may revise the action plan and resubmit accordingly.
2- Documents sought for issue of CTE/CTO b. Approval from HLG (Completed)	2025-06-30	Completed	
2- Documents sought for issue of CTE/CTO Adoption of MoEF&CC Notifications-G.S.R. 85(E) dated 30-01-2025 and G.S.R. 84(E) dated 29-01-2025 prescribed mandatory documents for CTE and CTO(Completed) c. Issuance of Orders	2025-07-15	Completed	

Priority Area 16 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation

Simplifying approval and renewal of Factory License/Trade License by reducing the steps involved in documentation, and online registration under Shops & Establishments Act (Revenue)

DR Cell Remark: UT may share the draft modifications once ready

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) 1. HLG has approved the proposal to submit the draft Notification to MHA on 29-05-2025	2025-05-29	Completed	Draft Notification has been submitted to MHA to revise the renewal period of the Factory License from 01 year to 05 years in the A & N Islands Factories Rules, 1970. Action Plan has been submitted for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Online issuance of License under the Factories Act through
a) 2. The proposal along with the draft Notification shall be submitted to MHA before 07.06.2025	2025-06-07	Completed	
a) 3. For approval of MHA/Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Completed	

b) The process to develop the portal for renewal of License under Factories Act in the NSW portal shall be done by 30-06-2025.	2025-06-30	Completed	NSWS portal. <ul style="list-style-type: none">The online renewal of License under the Factories Act
The Department has proposed to introduce self-inspections and third party accreditation inspections under the Factories Act, 1948, A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004 along with other Labour Laws by way of Notifying the Order for self-inspection and Third Party Accreditation Inspection by ensuring the standards set by the Labour Department under the Labour Laws. 1. The draft Notification for Self Inspection and Third Party accreditation Inspection shall be submitted for vetting of Law department by 15.06.2025.	2025-06-15	Completed	UT has simplified the process for issuance of Registration Certificates under Shops and Establishments Regulation in a single form through online registration form with single document i.e. notarized lease agreement / land records. Reduction of time limit for issuance of License from 15 days to 07 days by issue of Order on 07.05.2025.
2. The draft Notification shall be submitted to HLG for approval by 30.06.2025.	2025-06-30	Completed	
Priority Area 17 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Expedite electricity and water connections, including groundwater use permissions, through an online system for application submission, payment, and status tracking			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
Electricity: NIC had developed the online connection portal and is also managing it, so after consultation with NIC, it was suggested that an additional module needs to be	2025-06-30	Completed	The UT informed that an online service system is already in place for electricity connection.

created to enable online estimate payment by consumers.			For urban water connection, the application process for domestic and commercial water tap connection has also been made online. The application requires only two documents: a photo ID and an ownership record or rental documents.
Electricity: After creation of online estimate payment module and after necessary security audits, integration with NTRP (Bharat Kosh) through API shall be established.	2025-07-15	Ongoing	Purpose mapping is in progress. Once confirmed, NIC will begin integration with the NTRP payment gateway.
Electricity: Simultaneously, purpose mapping of all concerned DDO are to done with the head of account for estimate payment in NTRP.	2025-07-15	Ongoing	Mapping of DDO in NTRP is in progress and will be completed in coordination with the concerned PAO
APWD: Upgradation of existing module for new water connections for wider application across all divisions in Andaman & Nicobar Islands including online verification, billing and payment.	2025-06-20	Ongoing	The website is currently under development.
APWD: Integration of the application with Bharatkosh.gov.in for online payments	2025-06-30	Ongoing	API has been created and is currently undergoing security verification.
APWD: Completion of User Acceptance Testing (UAT)	2025-07-15	Ongoing	

APWD: Security and functionality audit of the application	2025-07-30	Ongoing	
APWD: Deployment of application to the production server and go-live	2025-07-31	Ongoing	
Priority Area 18- Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Raising the threshold for compliance under the Shops & Establishments Act to 20 workers			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
a) The Draft Notification after vetting of Law Department has been submitted for approval of HLG on 23.05.2025.	2025-05-23	Completed	The UT has submitted a proposal along with Draft Regulation to MHA to increase the threshold of workers to 20 or more workers in shops and establishments.
b) The proposal shall be submitted to MHA after approval of HLG by 07.06.2025.	2025-06-07	Completed	
c) For approval of MHA/Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025.	2025-07-31	Yet to Start	For approval of MHA / Competent Authority in Gol by 31.07.2025. Issue of Gazette Notification of the A & N Islands Shops and Establishment (Amendment) Regulation, 2025 by 15.08.2025.
Priority Area 19 – Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Re-classification of non-polluting industries as White Category for granting Consent to Establish and Consent to Operate under the Air Act, 1981, and the Water Act, 1974 <i>DR Cell Remark: UT may share the findings of the Committee</i>			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
Study of White Category industries adopted by other	2025-06-30	Completed	137 industries have been listed into the white

states			category, Since this priority area is completed, it may be marked completed on the dashboard.
Adoption in ANPCC Meeting	2025-07-15	Completed	

Priority Area 20 - Pending at DR Cell and Already Implemented

Fire inspection by accredited third parties and extending the validity of Fire NOCs

DR Cell Remarks: Draft amendments have not been uploaded including the proposed appendix for third party fire audits

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
Proposal to enable provision of qualified agency (third party audit) in draft Regulation	2025-06-30	Completed	The draft Andaman & Nicobar Fire & Emergency Service Regulation, 2025 incorporating the provision of Third-party inspection (Qualified Agency) is presently with MHA for approval.
Approval of Draft regulation	2025-08-31	Yet to Start	

Priority Area 21 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation

Introduction of State Level Acts similar to Jan Vishwas Act

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
Identification of provisions of such clauses of Regulations pertaining to the concerned department which	2025-06-16	Completed	13 Nos of Regulations of A & N Administration were identified in which criminal

may be decriminalized.			penalty of imprisonment and fine exist.
Departments to submit the views/ comments for the process identified above after seeking approval of the concerned secretary	2025-07-10	Ongoing	
Priority Area 22 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation Third Party Inspections for Low & Medium risk businesses for all approvals: Illustration of Building Permits and Occupancy Certificates			
Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
Presently 79 professionals are empaneled by Municipality that include Architects, Licensed Engineers and Supervisors who assist applicants for preparation of building plans. The Municipality approve these plans and inspect on ground construction. We are examining the best practices in other states and UTs and accordingly we will be taking up for further modification of current process to reduce delays in approvals. Activity: Internal consultation and assessment of feasibility for third-party involvement	2025-06-30	Completed	UT has constituted the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Committee to assess the feasibility for third-party involvement. Draft guidelines for empanelment of Third party is placed before the committee and is under finalization. It was suggested that necessary steps be taken to make up for the delay in the upcoming milestones and to ensure that no further slippage occur.
Review and study best practices adopted by other States and UTs.	2025-06-30	Completed	
Submission of report to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration	2025-07-15	-	
Priority Area 23 - Agreed by DR Cell and Under Implementation			

Bring all State level services into a State Single Window System and link it to the National Single Window System (NSWS).

Milestone Description	Due Date	Status	Remarks
The 30 services pertaining to 07 departments to be delivered exclusively through the NSWS portal including sharing of backend data with the Invest India Team, NSWS under DPIIT	2025-05-30	Completed	Out of 30 services, 11 are live and remaining 19 require some minor rectification.
For the next phase, identification of additional business centric services for integration to NSWS portal will be undertaken and the list of service will be shared with Invest India under DPIIT.	2025-06-30	Completed	Letter issued to all the remaining line departments for providing the list of additional business centric services for onboarding in NSWS portal in the next phase. The list of services from the line departments has been received. The same is being shared with Invest India, NSWS Team, DPIIT.
As per the list of identified service, the concerned line departments shall prepare and share their application form details, its workflow along with the required departmental user registration with the Invest India Team under DPIIT.	2025-07-31	Yet to start	

**List of Participants – Reducing Compliance Burden and Deregulation meeting with Andaman
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Second State/UT visit – Andaman & Nicobar

22-July-2025 - Meeting with Industry Association

1.1 Action Taken on Issues raised by Industries Associations during 1st Visit

S.No.	Issues raised by Industries Associations during 1st Visit (22.03.2025)	Action Taken
1.	Shortage of land: Approximately 94% of the land is reserved for forests. Only 6% land is available for all kind of usage.	<i>Response shared by UT</i> <i>Forest department is diverting forest land as per the request of the user agency under Van Sanrakshan evam Samvardhan Adhiniyam for non-forestry activities as and when requested by the user agency.</i>
2.	Change of land use (CLU) is crucial to optimize the use of land and for growth of industries. But No diversion in last 8 years or Change of Land use has been allowed. Hence, no new hotels, restaurants, showrooms, lounges etc. are coming up. Not a single 4/5-star hotel came up in island after 2018. As a result, room availability for tourists is almost stagnant resulting into high room tariffs. Home stay policy has been introduced but diversion/ change of land use is required for residential construction also. This is the major issue that is restricting Island's Development.	<i>Response shared by UT</i> <i>Viewing the scarcity of available land and growing concern for conversion for speculative purposes, a conscious decision was to regulate the conversion cases more closely.</i> <i>Further, the CLU process has been reinitiated. 20 Cases have been processed and more than 100 hearing notices issued. The disposal of the rest of the pending cases is also underway.</i>

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		<p>TF Remark on the Action taken:</p> <p>A broader concern is need for a separate process to obtain a diversion certificate in Andaman and some other states/UTs, even when the land use is already defined in the notified master plan. It was suggested that this additional step be eliminated, allowing entrepreneurs to use their land as per the master plan without undergoing a separate approval process. This would help reduce procedural delays and promote ease of doing business</p>
3.	<p>Land Revenue and Land Reforms Regulation, 1966, authorizes SDM for Diversion/CLU. A provision was introduced that for land size of more than 500 sqm, a committee headed by CS will approve the CLU. Court order has declared CS level committee null and void, and it's clear that SDMs are authorized. However, nothing is happening on ground. Currently, large number of files are pending for approvals. As a result, only illegal construction is happening.</p>	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>Viewing the scarcity of available land and growing concern for conversion for speculative purposes, a conscious decision was to regulate the conversion cases more closely.</i></p> <p><i>Further, the CLU process has been reinitiated. 20 Cases have been processed and more than 100 hearing notices issued. The disposal of the rest of the pending cases is also underway.</i></p>
4.	<p>Islands have significant tourism, deep sea fishing potential however to tap it, infrastructure and investment support is required along with regulatory changes.</p>	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>Master Plan for Sri Vijaya Puram Planning area and Master Plan for Swaraj and Shaheed Dweep Planning area define various</i></p>

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		<p><i>landuse zones. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Town & Country Planning Regulation and the Master Plans do not insist on conversion of land; however, it is mandatory for conversion of land under the Andaman & Nicobar Island Land Revenue and Land Reform Regulation, 1966 for taking up of any development in these Islands.</i></p>
5.	<p>To protect the coastal environment of the Andaman & Nicobar (A&N) Islands, Island Protection Zone (IPZ) Notification, 2011 is applicable, not permitting any activity in 500 m from High Tide Line (HTL). The CRZ notification, 2019 is applicable in rest of country. The commensurate provisions (200 m for HTL) have not been made in A& N IPZ. For promotion of Tourism industry and to ensure optimum land use, IPZ for each island to be notified as early as possible.</p>	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i></p> <p><i>The Administration has engaged NCSCM to prepare the ICRZ/IIMPs of 14 Islands (Phase-I) which includes great Nicobar, South Andaman, Middle Andaman, Havelock, Neil Island, Little Andaman, Long Island, Aves Island, Car Nicobar, Kamorta and Katchal.</i></p> <p><i>NCSCM was engaged three years ago, and as of now only ICRZ plans of two Islands, namely, Great Nicobar Island and Little Andaman have been completed. Consequently ICRZ-2019 is applicable for above two Islands.</i></p> <p><i>The field verification of South Andaman Islands is completed and public hearing for Interview Island is also completed.</i></p>

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		<p><i>Out of the 14 Islands, all other Islands are at different stages of preparation of ICRZ plans. Once the notification is completed the ICRZ-2019 will be applicable.</i></p> <p><i>Another 16 Islands which are smaller in size comprising less than 100 sq.mtr area are in different stages of preparation of IIM plans.</i></p>
6.	Industrial Land Bank is not sufficient. Only six industrial areas have been developed. No new area has been developed or created in last 8-10 years.	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>The land reserved for industrial estates in various locations has already been allotted. If the Industrial Department requests additional land, it will be provided in accordance with the applicable rules and provisions.</i></p>
7	In Development Control Regulations, an illustrative list of 12 industries has been mentioned in which buildings are permitted. The illustrative list is often implemented as permissible list, restricting industries permitted. It is better to remove any such illustration from the DCR.	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>As mentioned, the list of 12 industries are illustrative in nature only and the Authority does not restrict the issue of Planning Permission for the industries which fall outside the above list. However, In future only a negative list of the prohibited industries will be given in the Development Regulation.</i></p>

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8.	<p>Building plan approval has several steps and multiple site inspections, taking more than one year in almost all cases. Inspections/ verifications by different agencies are as follows.</p> <p>i. police verification- checks criminal record (Not applicable in any other state for Building Plan approval. Building plan rejected if involved in motor accident)</p> <p>ii. Surveyor inspection (Reduced line check/ level from Mean Sea level (MSL), due to building height restriction of 15 m and overall restriction of 50 m from MSL)</p> <p>iii. Building inspector</p> <p>Air command side inspection from Defense perspective.</p>	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>As per the committee meeting held on 09.07.2025 with the ANC Officials. The matter has been taken up by the ANC with higher officials regarding whether the Police Verification is mandatory or can be omitted and also to make available the map of the entire Municipal area indicating the maximum height permissible at various stretch. This will ease the applicant as well as the building department of the Municipal Council to understand and advice Maximum permissible height at every site. This will facilitate general public as well as registered engineer and Architects so that the NOCs are issued at one go avoiding multiple rejection by the ANC on the permissible height limit.</i></p>
9.	<p>Air command certification is required for Building plan approval irrespective of location of the plot in funnel/ non funnel area or territorial limit. NoC involves approval from 4 establishments such as INS Utkrosh, INS Jarwa, Air Command, etc. and takes on an average 3-4 month. The approval process involves site inspection by defence. Colour Coded zoning map similar to other Airport Authority of India managed Airports will help to resolve the issue to great extent.</p>	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>As per Gazette notification GSR 751 (E) dated 30.09.2015 shared by ANC, rule 4 restricts the construction on any land within a radius not exceeding 20 Kms from the Aerodrome Reference point without obtaining NOC for height clearance.</i></p> <p><i>The said notification is applicable to all airports in India. As suggested by A&NCCI, matter be taken up by A&NI administration</i></p>

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		<p><i>with ANC to provide color coded zoning map mentioning the permissible height in each zone which may be referred to by SVPMC while processing building plan approvals and the need to refer individual files to ANC may be eliminated.</i></p>
10.	<p>Height restrictions of 15m create a bottleneck to foster the expansion of infrastructure across residential, commercial and industrial.</p>	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i></p> <p><i>The road network and the road density within the Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Area is very limited and the town already faces traffic bottlenecks due to lack of parking and narrow road width.</i></p> <p><i>As on date, there is a restriction in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Town and Country Planning Regulation to modify the change of land use and population density (Height of the building) by the HLG. Andaman & Nicobar Administration has already initiated a proposal for amendment of the Regulation. Upon amendment, the maximum height of building allowed for development will be relaxed during the review of the notified Master Plans and during the finalization of new Master Plans in future, depending on the availability of road width and other infrastructure and services.</i></p>

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11.	Current FAR is 1.5 which is very less. Unlike other states, an option to seek premium FAR is unavailable. Building by-laws increase cost of construction and operations. This has led to land cost at par with cities like Mumbai. FAR is too less particularly in tsunami submergence areas	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>As mentioned earlier, in view of non-availability of sufficient road network with proper circulation pattern, it is not advisable to go in for increasing the FAR and premium FAR and payment of additional charges.</i></p> <p><i>Upon amendment of Regulation, the maximum FAR and premium FAR will be allowed for development during the review of the notified Master Plans and during the finalization of new Master Plans in future, depending on the availability of road width and other infrastructure and services.</i></p>
12	Single Window System (SWS) is not integrated with all the departments. All departments have their individual portals where the SWS is redirected for necessary approvals. One has to chase with all of them for approvals.	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>'Invest India' under the overall supervision of NSWS Team of DPIIT created an end-to-end webpage for Andaman and Nicobar Islands within the NSWS portal.</i></p> <p><i>The Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands was onboarded in the NSWS Portal (https://www.nsws.gov.in/portal/andamans). In the first phase, 68 KYA (Know Your Approvals) pertaining to Andaman and Nicobar</i></p>

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		<p><i>Islands were on-boarded during October 2022. Besides, 30 services pertaining to 07 departments of the UT of ANI were end-to-end integrated along with a unified payment mechanism in the NSWS Portal.</i></p> <p><i>30 services which are already integrated are being migrated and delivered exclusively through the NSWS portal.</i></p> <p><i>Furthermore, identification of additional business-centric services for integration to NSWS portal in consultation with the line departments in the 2nd phase is under process.</i></p>
13	<p>Approval delays occur as NOC applications must pass through multiple departments, significantly increasing processing time. Following approvals are required as part of this- Building plan, Fire NOC, Labour department, Shops and Establishment, FSSAI (for food related industries), Insurance and pollution NOCs/approvals.</p>	<p><i>Reply of SVPMC:</i></p> <p><i>SVPMC only ask for documents mentioned at sl no8 i.e copy of land record, building plan, site plan, structural drawing, structural analysis, police verification certificate (mandated by ANC), undertakings (mandated by ANC), contour maps, aadhar, pan, site photos etc Fire NOC is required at the time of issuance of completion certificate and occupancy.</i></p> <p><i>Reply of Labour Department:</i></p>

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		<p>i. <i>The Labour Department, A & N Administration is not seeking any kind of NOC from any other department for issuance of Registration under A & N Islands Shops and Establishment Regulation, 2004</i></p> <p>ii. <i>The department shall issue Order for reduction of time limit for issuance of Registration Certificate from 15 days to 07 days by 07.05.2025.</i></p> <p>TF Remark on the Action taken:</p> <p>The task force suggested to review documentation requirements, including police verification and mandated undertakings. Though the Labour Department has reduced the time required for registration issuance to seven days, this may further be reduced in view of best practices of other State/UTs.</p> <p>The documents already available with the administration should not be asked again. UT assured that necessary changes will be made to streamline the process.</p>

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14	MSME registration (Udyam) and trade license to be covered in the Single Window System.	Response shared by UT <i>Andaman & Nicobar Islands is exempted from trade license. Further, Udyam Registration is done through an online portal of the Ministry of MSMEs.</i>
15.	Yield of coconut products (coco powder, virgin oil) has fallen by 40% year on year basis. Industries are operating at 25-30% of capacity.	Response shared by UT <i>Production data of Coconuts in last four years are given below: 2020-21 – 125 Million nuts (18095.38 Ha area) 2021-22 – 131 Million nuts (17903.80 Ha area) 2022-23 – 153 Million nuts (17912.55 Ha area) 2023-24 – 131 Million nuts (17896.55 Ha area) The Production data reveals that there is no significant fall of yield noticed (as mentioned 40% fall). The raw material not getting to the industries may be due to increase of price in raw coconut in market (especially at mainland)</i>
16.	Raw material availability depends on working plan of the forest department. In recent times shortage of raw material is affecting the furniture processing units, including Cricket bat handle manufacturing.	Response shared by UT <i>The forest department is mandated to provide sawn timber to the individuals and SSI Units on priority for domestic use/running of</i>

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		<i>furniture shops. The harvesting of trees from the already worked areas are being done on the basis of approved working plan which is prepared based on the scientific management of forest and approved by Supreme Court of India.</i>
17.	For raw material supply and market access, Andaman is dependent on main land. It adds huge transportation cost, reducing the economic viability. The earlier government schemes used to offer transport subsidy, without which it is not possible to survive and compete for MSMEs.	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>Draft proposal and request for deputing experts for formulation of New Scheme for Industrial Development in A&N Island has been submitted to DPIIT.</i></p> <p>TF Remark on the Action taken:</p> <p>Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) may provide guidance as per the best practices existing at the national level, specifically for the formulation of the New Scheme for Industrial Development in A&N Islands.</p>
18.	Electricity and water supply connection services are online and functional. No hurdles for users to get a new electricity/water connection.	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>Reply of SVPMC:</i></p> <p><i>As pointed out by A&NCCI there are no hurdles in getting water tap connections. Applications are disposed of within 07 day's time.</i></p>

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		<p><i>Reply of Electricity:</i></p> <p><i>As informed, the process of enabling online payment of estimate charges with the new meter connection portal is initiated and it is under process as per the action plan.</i></p>
19.	Industries are restricted from the use of electricity after 5pm and have inconsistent power supply leading to additional cost of diesel generated power for the industries. Particularly sawmills are allowed to operate till sunset only.	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i></p> <p><i>The concern of the industry has been noted and is being assessed based on the present available capacity and the additional power requirement to meet the demand cited by the stakeholders. Department is in the process of augmenting power generators to address the existing power deficit and steps are being taken to ensure that consumers are provided with uninterrupted & reliable power supply. Additionally, concerted efforts made for setting up of renewable energy power plants as envisaged under Greening of Islands other RE initiatives like Rooftop solar installation may enable optimal availability to suffice the requirements at considerable lowered cost.</i></p>
20.	Fire NOCs have validity of 1 year.	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i></p>

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		<p><i>The existing validity period of 01 year for FCC/NOC is proposed for 03 years validity period in the proposed regulation which is in the process of being approved.</i></p> <p>TF Remark on the Action taken:</p> <p>It was suggested to further increase the validity of Fire No-Objection Certificates (NOCs), in view of the best practices of other State/UT.</p>
21.	<p>Mercantile Marine Department (MMD) authorizes the boat approvals, tourism activities such as sea-walk, parasailing, etc. These approvals involve long delays. Single Window System is required for these approvals.</p>	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i></p> <p><i>The MMD/DG Shipping does not authorize the boat approvals for tourism activities such as sea walk, parasailing etc. These vessels are registered under Inland Vessel Act and guidelines for conduct of the activities are formulated by Directorate of Tourism. The survey and certification of such vessels are done by IV Surveyor/IV Chief Surveyor appointed by PMB and the registering authority for these vessels is the respective Deputy Commissioners.</i></p> <p><i>To facilitate ease of doing business for vessels plying in Inland Waters, IWAI has already developed a single window portal</i></p>

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		<p><i>namely Jalyan and navic. The navic portal serves as a centralized digital platform for inland vessels management. The key features of portal are :-</i></p> <p><i>(a) Centralized data base for inland vessels facilitating efficient monitoring and management of vessel movement.</i></p> <p><i>(b) Real time navigation data aiding in safer and more efficient navigation.</i></p> <p><i>(c) Mitigating risk associated with navigation.</i></p> <p><i>(d) Cost saving through efficient navigation and planning.</i></p> <p><i>The legacy data for A & N Islands vessels have already been captured by IWAI. Also online registration of crew and inland vessels in A & N Islands has commenced.</i></p> <p>TF Remark on the Action taken:</p> <p>Necessary assistance will be provided to support the ongoing online registration of inland vessels on Jalyan and Navic portal by IWAI. Administration may share the problem and support needed with IWAI. Technical team may also be sent to resolve the problems, if any.</p>

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22.	Director General Shipping is another stakeholder in permitting the boat approvals. DG Shipping may also be part of single Window System to expediate clearances as early as possible.	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>The MMD/DG shipping is granting approvals for M S class vessels which does not fall under the purview of PMB. At present the A&N Administration is operating only 01 portal that is PCS for single window clearance with reference to foreign flags vessels. In this portal there is no requirement for necessary approval to be accorded by the MMD/D G Shipping for clearance of the foreign flag vessels calling at the ports of A&N Islands.</i></p> <p><i>Further in the Jalyan and Navic portal developed and maintained by IWAI for the inland vessels including crew the requirement of approvals by D G Shipping is also not there as the same is being done by any member of International Association of Classification Society (IACS) and by the surveyors appointed by A&N administration.</i></p>
	Andaman has huge potential for tourism. However regulatory compliances have choked its growth. Maldives, Mauritius or Bali are Islands which allow wide range of activities and centers to come up even	<p>Response shared by UT</p> <p><i>This department acknowledges that the Andaman & Nicobar Islands have immense potential to emerge as a world-class tourism destination. However, as rightly pointed out, the existing regulatory</i></p>

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23.	in the shallow waters. We need to review the regulatory framework vis-a-vis tourism promotion.	<p><i>framework, particularly concerning coastal and environmental clearances, has posed challenges in effectively tapping this potential.</i></p> <p><i>In comparison, international destinations like the Maldives, Mauritius, and Bali have adopted balanced regulatory mechanisms that safeguard ecological interests while allowing responsible tourism activities, even in shallow waters. These models offer valuable insights for us.</i></p> <p><i>In this context, we respectfully submit that there is a pressing need to review and streamline our regulatory processes, especially for tourism-related infrastructure and water-based activities. A calibrated relaxation in selected zones, backed by clear environmental safeguards, could significantly enhance the ease of doing business in the tourism sector.</i></p> <p><i>We suggest that a dedicated inter-departmental working group may be constituted to examine global best practices and recommend amendments to the existing framework in alignment with sustainability goals and tourism promotion objectives.</i></p>

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		<p><i>We remain committed to contributing actively towards this initiative and will be pleased to assist further in developing a more enabling regulatory environment for tourism in the islands.</i></p> <p>TF Remark on the Action taken: It was requested that the Working Group report be shared within one month.</p>
24.	<p>Lease rent for industrial estates were earlier as follows- INR 3 /sqm in 2003, INR 6 /sqm in 2018. These have been raised to INR 400 /sqm. This escalation is on the basis of Cost Inflation Index. However, it is unaffordable for the industries to operate with high lease cost. Additionally, sharing of 2% gross profit with the government increases the cost of operations for industries.</p>	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i> <i>To address the grievances of stakeholders , amendment has been proposed in Chapter -3 , Fixation of Annual Lease Rent, sub clause 3.1 and 3.2 and submitted to the Competent Authority for consideration.</i></p>
25.	<p>Tenure of lease is currently 30 years, post which the industries have to bid for new lease agreement with first right of refusal. The Industrial Policy has introduced element of uncertainty and risk of investment. A request was made to increase the lease tenure to 99 years.</p>	<p><i>Response shared by UT</i> <i>The approved policy proposes an initial lease period of 30 Years. Existing allottees have the option to continue by exercising the First Right of Refusal and matching the highest bid in a transparent auction process.</i></p>

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		<p><i>Industrial Estates typically operate on a leasehold model to prevent land speculation and ensure optimal land utilization.</i></p> <p><i>The 30 year initial lease period aligns with the provision of the Andaman and Nicobar Island Land Revenue and Land reforms Regulation, 1966 and the preceding Land tenure regulation, 1926 ensuring consistency in land administration practices.</i></p>

1.2 Additional issues raised by Industries Associations during 2nd Visit (22.07.2025)

S.No.	Issues	Association
1.	The disposal of pending CLU cases is positive step, but currently residential application only is being undertaken. CLU change requests for commercial may also be prioritized.	Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industries
2.	There is a restrictive condition in Diversion certificate, which states that once a diversion certificate is granted, the land cannot be sold for the next 10 years.	Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industries
3.	Currently, CRZ clearance is required even for small-scale development projects, resulting in a significant compliance burden. It is suggested to provide exemptions or a simplified approval mechanism for small or low-impact projects.	Chamber of Commerce