## Press release

## Chartered flight services between Port Blair and Car Nicobar to resume soon

The Andaman & Nicobar Administration and the Air India are working out the Modalities to re-introduce the Chartered Flight services between Port Blair and Car Nicobar w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2019. As per the plans, the Air India would operate a regular 144 seater Airbus A-319/A-320 aircraft weekly once on every Saturday. The tentative departure time of the flight from Port Blair would be 11.15 am. The final schedule would be communicated in due course shortly as the process is on to obtain the regulatory clearances from the authorities for the flight and the setting up of the ground handling equipments and ancillary arrangements at the Car Nicobar airport.

It may be recalled that earlier the Alliance Air Limited – a subsidiary of Air India lazed to operate a 70 seater CRJ-700 type aircraft on the Port Blair and Car Nicobar route, once a week from 24<sup>th</sup> July 2014 which was later on discontinued on August 2016 due to the withdrawal of the CRJ type aircraft from Alliance Air's fleet. Since then, the A & N Administration has been regularly taking up the matter with the Air India and the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the restoration of the flight service connecting the District HQ's of Nicobar District with Port Blair and it is now expected that the wait of the public for the chartered flight service to Car Nicobar is going to end soon.

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