

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI) : (a) The fifth Antarctica Expedition sailed from Goa on 30.11.1985 at 5-30 p.m.

(b) No Sir. In the fifth expedition, the National Institute of Oceanography has sent two scientists for the summer team and one scientist to undergo wintering in Antarctica.

(c) and (d). Letters were addressed to members of the four expeditions to Antarctica inviting their comments and suggestions with a view to bringing about requisite improvements in the subsequent expeditions to Antarctica. Responses received have been/are being incorporated in planning future expeditions.

Assistance to Clean River Krishna

3438. **SHRI S.M. BHATTAM :** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an amount of Rs. 250 crores has been allocated during the Seventh Plan for improvement of drainage and treatment facilities in 27 major cities on Ganga banks to arrest domestic and industrial pollution in the river Ganga;

(b) whether any amount has been suitably set apart for any river in the South and whether the Krishna River is being considered for the same; and

(c) whether Government have decided to allot some funds for depollution of river Krishna as its water is supplied to Madras for drinking purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) An amount of Rs. 240 crores has been allotted during the 7th Plan for implementation of schemes under Ganga Action Plan.

Improvement of drainage and Sewage treatment facilities to reduce the pollution

load from domestic sources on the river Ganga is the major component of the schemes drawn up in 27 major class-I Towns/Cities.

(b) and (c). No, Sir.

Decision to Locate Rocket Testing Site in Orissa

3439. **SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :**
**SHRI JAGANNATH PATT-
NAIK :**
SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no change in the decision to locate rocket testing site in Orissa to which the local resident had raised objections on account of displacement without adequate rehabilitation;

(b) whether Government will ensure that not only economic but also social, ethnic considerations will be kept in mind in drawing up rehabilitation plans; and

(c) whether Government will involve the persons to be displaced in planning their future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. However, comprehensive rehabilitation schemes have been drawn by the State Government which will provide for the rehabilitation and employment of those affected. It is also felt that once the project is in full swing a significant growth in service-type employment will be generated in the area.

[Translation]

Prime Minister's Directions to Improve the Living of Tribals

3440. **SHRI BANWARI LAL BAIKWA :** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Prime Minister visited the tribal areas of Rajasthan to know the condition of the tribals;

(b) the directions given by the Prime Minister for improving the standard of living of tribals; and

(c) what follow up action has been taken by the Union and State Governments on those directions ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime Minister had indicated that while planning investment under Integrated Rural Development Programme the productive assets supplied should be related to local conditions.

(c) The Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development has addressed the Chief Minister of Rajasthan impressing upon him the need for taking effective steps for implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme. Recently, this Programme has also been reviewed in the conference of the State Ministers in charge of Rural Development, held on 29th and 30th November, 1985.

[English]

Steps to Boost Economy of Punjab

3441. SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the special steps under consideration to put the economy of Punjab on rails; and

(b) whether Government propose to conduct a special survey of Punjab's economy which has suffered due to disturbed conditions in the State for the last four years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) A number of

steps have been contemplated to boost the economy of Punjab in the Seventh Plan period. The outlay for the Seventh Plan of Punjab State has been agreed at Rs. 3285 crores which is higher by 67.86% than that of the Sixth Plan. In order to enable the Government of Punjab to have a reasonable Plan size for 1985-86, in addition to the normal Central assistance, the State has been allocated advance Plan assistance of Rs. 100 crores and further additional assistance of Rs. 45 crores for Thein Dam and Rs. 15 crores for SYL Canal Project as well as a medium-term loan of Rs. 75.52 crores.

The 7th Plan of the State includes a provision of Rs 500 crores for the Thein Dam project. Besides a Railway Coach Manufacturing Factory is also being put up in the State under the Central Sector.

(b) No, Sir.

Pak's Claim of Kashmir as their Territory

3442. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether President of Pakistan at a meeting of Pakistanis in New York on 21 October, 1985, has described Kashmir as "Part and Parcel" of Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether such statements are a set-back to efforts at better Indo-Pak relations; and

(c) whether Government of India has lodged any formal diplomatic protest at this claim ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. According to Radio Pakistan, the President of Pakistan, while addressing the Pakistani community in New York on 21st Oct, 1985, stated that "Kashmir was a life line of Pakistan."