

discussed in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Planning Commission with the State representatives from time to time and suitable remedial measures are recommended. The matter is also pursued with the State Governments through correspondence and visits. Concurrent monitoring and periodical evaluation of schemes have also been suggested to the State Governments.

Facilities for Night Landing at Patna Airport

181. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work to facilitate landing of aircrafts at night at Patna airport has been completed ;

(b) if so, the other steps being taken to ensure landing of aircraft at night at this airport ;

(c) whether the expansion of this airport has been completed ; and

(d) if not, the reasons for the delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). The Patna airport is presently equipped with medium intensity runway lights and abridged visual approach slope indicator system (AVASIS). These facilities are adequate for aircraft operations by night in clear weather conditions. In order to further improve and upgrade the existing system, the following additional facilities have been sanctioned :—

(i) Conversion of medium intensity runway light into high intensity runway light ;

(ii) Installation of 3-Bar AVASIS.

These facilities are likely to be installed by December, 1985.

(c) and (d). The construction of a terminal block for international operations and the extension of runway have been completed. Extension of apron area has got delayed on account of time taken in obtaining the requisite land for this purpose from the State Government.

[English]

Institute of Antarctica Studies

182. SHRI MOHANLAL PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up an Institute of Antarctica Studies in the country ; and

(b) if so, where it is likely to be set up and when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT; ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Study Group which was constituted on setting up of the Antarctic Study Centre has recommended the setting up of the main centre at Delhi with a logistic support base at Goa. The proposal is being processed.

Foreign Contribution/Donations to Institutions and Political Parties

183. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Indian institutions and Political parties have been receiving foreign contribution/donations ;

(b) if so, the particulars of the institutions and political parties and the amount received by them so far during the last three years as per