

(c) The major new Schemes/Projects and Programmes proposed for implementation during the Decade 1990-2000 focus on the operationalisation of space services on continuing basis to enable the country to derive full benefits of space technology in the areas of communication including TV and Radio broadcasting and networking, natural resources survey and management, meteorology and introduction of specialised services such as search and rescue operations and mobile communications, National level Resource Information System, etc.

In pursuance of the objectives and goals set forth, more sophisticated satellites are being built. These include IRS-1B and second generation Remote Sensing Satellites, IRS-1C and 1D, capable of imaging at higher spectral and spatial resolution, and second generation INSAT-II satellites having almost twice the capability of INSAT-I satellites to sustain the INSAT system for providing various services mentioned in (b) above.

In terms of launch vehicles, Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), capable of launching IRS Class of 1 ton polar orbiting satellites is at the final stages of realisation. Cryogenic Technology has been initiated which can permit the upgrading of PSLV to geostationary launch vehicle capable of launching 2 ton class of geostationary satellites.

#### **Development of Areas Under Eastern Ghats**

4829. SHRIMATI T. MANEMMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any scheme to develop the areas covered by the Eastern Ghats in the Southern States similar to the development of hill areas in Himachal Pradesh and Western Hill areas of Western Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b). An Expert Group on delineation of new hill areas was constituted for evolving appropriate criteria and listing of new hill areas that satisfied the criteria evolved by the group. The group had also considered Eastern Ghats. The report has been processed and decisions are awaited. It may, however, be mentioned that the general approach in the Eighth Plan is to avoid a series of Special Area Development Programmes as in the Seventh Plan and have, instead, general rural development done on the basic of decentralised area planning by local bodies. In the hill areas, hill development will be the accent in local development. The Centre will, however, assist in providing sufficient technical and other inputs to local authorities in fragile areas to draw up and implement ecologically sound programmes of area development on a sustained basis.

#### **Migratory Birds in Ghana Bird Sanctuary**

4830. CH. JAGDEEP DHANKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of migratory birds frequenting Ghana bird sanctuary in Bharatpur is on the decline; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to attract migratory birds to visit Ghana Sanctuary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) According to the annual report of the Keoladeo National Park ecological study (1988) of the Bombay Natural History Society, the