

- Training and research activities have been taken up at the Wildlife Institute of India.
- Captive breeding and rehabilitation programmes have been launched (e.g. the rhino-reintroduction programmes).
- Participation in international conventions continues to be active and a treaty has been concluded recently with the U S S.R. for the protection of migratory birds.
- Model interpretation facilities are being established in some reserves and zoos.
- A committee has been constituted to work out the manner in which the voluntary bodies/non-governmental organisations can contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan.
- The implementation of the Action Plan has been made the central theme of the wildlife conservation programmes in the Seventh Five Year Plan (1985-1990).

Antarctica Study Centre for Research Activities

2386. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any steps have been taken to set up Antarctica Study Centre for research activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether for the proposed fourth or fifth expeditions any action has been taken to acquire ships and equipments and for fabrication of ice-breakers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and from which country the same are being imported ?

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) and (b). Yes, Sir. A study

Group was constituted to work out the details related to the setting up of an Antarctic Study Centre. The report of the group has since been received, and details of the equipment required for the Centre are being finalised.

(c) and (d). The Fourth Indian Antarctic Expedition returned to India on 25-03-1985, leaving behind a team of 13-persons at the Indian Antarctic Station. The Fifth Antarctic Expedition is expected to leave towards the end of November, 1985. An enquiry has already been floated through the Ministry of Shipping & Transport for chartering of a suitable ship for the same. As regards the fabrication of an ice-breaker for the Indian Antarctic activities, the report of another Task Force which had been constituted for the purpose has been received. Details of the proposal for clearance of the same from the financial angle are being worked out.

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Illegal Entrance of Pakistani Nationals

2387. SHRI RAM PYARE PANIKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain Pakistani nationals who illegally entered into India, have been arrested during the last two months;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the purpose of their infiltration into India;

(c) whether Government have thoroughly investigated their cases; and

(d) if so, whether their links with the Indians have also come to light; and if so, the action Government propose to take against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.