

(b) if so, by what time the final decision will be taken in this regard;

(c) the main purpose of this Trust; and

(d) the total handicapped to be helped during 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) to (d). The Thakur Hari Prasad Institute of Rehabilitation for Mentally Handicapped Children, Hyderabad had organised a seminar on 'National Policy on Mentally Handicapped' during 3-7 Feb. 1987 at Hyderabad. One of the recommendations of the seminar is that a National Trust for the Welfare to the Mentally Handicapped Persons may be set up as a means to provide social security to mentally handicapped persons. No final decision has been taken by the Government in this regard. The total No. of handicapped persons to be benefitted during 1988-89, by the proposed Trust cannot be indicated at present.

Punjab Migrants

10616. SHRI C. JANGA REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of migrants from Punjab in each of the relief camps in Pathankot, Amritsar, Batala and other places in Punjab; and

(b) the number of migrants who have returned back to their homes from these camps ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Himalayan Glacology

10617. DR. G. VIJAYA RAMA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether higher priority has been accorded to Antarctica development than

for an intensive study of Himalayan glaciers and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the number of seminars, national and international, organized for furthering the studies, knowledge of Antarctica and Himalayas, specially glaciers, the most important of perennial source of water ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir. The two regions pose quite different problems and hence the question of giving priority to one over the other does not arise.

(b) A large number of seminars have been organised both on Himalayan glaciers, and on Antarctica. In these Seminars many papers have been presented for furthering the knowledge of both Antarctica and the Himalayas, with special reference to their glaciers.

Protest by Staff of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science, Calcutta

10618. SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scientists and non-academic staff at the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science in Calcutta went on a protest strike on 12 April, 1988 over pay revisions and working conditions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Arms Smuggling Across the Indo-Pak Border

10619. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :