

3. As per sub-regulation (5) of Regulation 7 of the Indian Administrative Service (Appointment by promotion) Regulations, 1955 every person included in the Select List shall have to undergo such training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, State Training Institutions and other established training institutions in the country for such period as considered necessary by the Government. Further, the requirement of training has also been included in the Indian Administrative Service (Probation) Rules, 1954 and therefore, every State Civil Service Officer, who has not attained the age of 52 years on the date of appointment to IAS by promotion, is confirmed in the Service only after he has undergone such training.

Impounding of Passport of Akali Leaders

4593. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH TUR : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the passports of top Akali leaders were impounded;

(b) if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not the reasons for which the passports submitted to Regional Passport Office, Chandigarh in 1983 for renewal were neither renewed nor any information was given to the persons concerned ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) Passport Office, Chandigarh did not receive any application for renewal of passports in 1983 from the President of Secretary General of the Akali Dal.

News item captioned "Rockets from Antarctica"

4594. SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in

the 'Indian Express' (Bombay Edition) of 29 November, 1985 captioned "Rockets from Antarctica";

(b) if so, the detailed long term objectives of the Antarctica study programme;

(c) whether launching of rockets for scientific research is one of the objectives;

(d) the infrastructure required for the Antarctica Study programme; and

(e) the objectives achieved so far in this regard ?

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

(b) The Government of India has constituted a high level committee to draw up a detailed long-term programme for Antarctic research.

(c) There is no such plan with the Government.

(d) and (e). The infrastructure facilities required in India include the establishment of an Antarctic Study Centre for coordinating the Antarctic research activities in India. The main objectives of the Centre would be to carry out scientific programme and to provide logistic support to the expeditions. Land has already been acquired in Goa for the establishment of the Centre and the details are being examined. It is expected that the Antarctic Study Centre would be established during the Seventh Plan period.

Seizure of yellow coloured powder at Indo-Pak Border

4595. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Border Security Force personnel posted at Indo-Pak border found 5 bags containing yellow coloured powder in village Chakroi during the second week of September, 1985;