

components of the Action Plan are :

- (i) Establishment of a Representative Network of protected Areas.
- (ii) Management of Protected Areas and Habitat Restoration.
- (iii) Wildlife Protection in Multiple Use Areas.
- (iv) Rehabilitation of Endangered and Threatened Species.
- (v) Captive Breeding Programmes.
- (vi) Wildlife Education and Interpretation.
- (vii) Research and Monitoring.
- (viii) Domestic Legislation and International Conventions.
- (ix) National Conservation Strategy.
- (x) Collaboration with Voluntary Bodies.

#### Performance of INSAT-1B

3630. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether INSAT-1B has started to perform its assigned duties of whether forecasts, tele-communications and transmission to the TV and Radio Net-work from 15th October, 1983 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) whether it has started to feed the community TV sets in the remote and hilly areas of the country and whether these sets have been provided or are proposed to be provided indicating the areas where they have been provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN

DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All four service payloads on INSAT-1B are in operational use from 15th October, 1983 and are being accessed by user facilities for delivery of services. All 30 tele-communications fixed stations have switched to INSAT-1B. Meteorological Data Utilisation Centre (MDUC) is routinely receiving and processing INSAT-1B meteorological data. All TV stations dependent on satellite feed have switched over to INSAT-1B. About 27 radio stations have switched into INSAT-1B based radio net-working. Seven out of the first batch of eight Data Collection Platforms (DCPs) are accessing the satellite.

(c) INSAT-1B is currently also servicing some 490 Direct Reception TV sets in selected villages of Andhra Pradesh and Orissa. Another about 260 Direct Reception Sets (DRSs) in these two States are being energised. Action is on for deploying another 1200 Direct Reception Sets (DRSs) by end of the 6th Plan in selected areas of four other States.

#### Plutonium Recycling Project

3631. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has failed to make any significant progress on the project code named "plutonium recycling project" so far even though it was sanctioned by Government 12 years ago ; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Implementation of 20-Point Programme

3632. SHRI R. R. BHOLE : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :