

(b) Considering the heavy backlog under the on-going schemes, it is not proposed to undertake fresh registration at present.

Encroachment of DDA Land

5672. SHRI JAGMEET SINGH BRAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news items appeared in daily "Hindu" on July 12, 1991 regarding encroachment of DDA land;

(b) if so, whether major of chunk of land acquired by Delhi Development Authority has been occupied unauthorisedly;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any action has been taken by the Government in order to end the illegal occupation; and

(e) if so, the total land liberated thereof and the steps taken to check such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. 67279.521 crores of land is at the disposals of Delhi Development Authority including acquired land, nazul land and land of Ministry of Rehabilitation. Majority of the land has been utilised, while some portion of the land is under encroachment.

(d) and (e). As reported by D. D. A., it keeps on removing encroachment of any nature regularly. From April, 1991 to December, 1991 2942 encroachment were removed and 180.75 acre for land was reclaimed.

Antarctica Expedition

5673. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:
KUMAR UMA BHARTI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of the Antarctica expedition being run by the Indian Scientists and Meteorologists during the last three years;

(b) the main tasks performed by this team on South Gangotri;

(c) whether the Union Government have received some new suggestions from the fourth team of the Indian Scientists how have successfully completed their expedition visit recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). A statement indicating the achievements of the Indian scientists and meteorologists of the Antarctica expedition during the last three years and the main tasks performed by the team at Dakshin Gangotri/Maitri is given to below.

(c) and (d). The fourth team of Indian scientists returned to Indian in March, 1985. All their suggestions were included in the planning of the 5th expedition and for setting up of the Indian station "Maitri" in the Schirmacher ranges. The station at Maitri was set up and made fully operational in 1989 with facilities for scientific research in various disciplines.