

there had been no reports of encroachments in the Manas Wildlife Sanctuary. From the latest report received from the Government of Assam it is seen that while no encroachments have been found even now on the eastern side of the Manas river in the Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, it has been difficult to verify the position on the western side because of the withdrawal of the forest staff from these areas consequent on the difficult situation prevailing there.

2. As regards the Rajaji National Park, Government of Uttar Pradesh have reported that an area of 31 hectares is under encroachment and also that action is being taken to evict the encroachers. No definite time schedule has however been laid down for this purpose.

3. The Government of Uttar Pradesh is implementing a scheme for relocation of 512 families of Gujars from the Rajaji National Park in 80 hectares of forest land outside the park in Pathari block of Shivalik Forest Division. Residential colony and other infrastructure have been built at a cost of Rs. 287.00 lakhs. The State Government is also implementing a scheme to relocate 181 families of Taunqya lessees at an estimated cost of Rs. 12.18 lakhs. 44 families have already been relocated outside the park. Resettlement of remaining families will be considered after final orders on the stay order of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

#### **Setting up of Regional Mental Health Care Centres**

\*639. SHRI V. S. KRISHNA IYER : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Regional Mental Health Care Centres on the lines of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARISAROJKHAPARDE): (a) and (b). There is no proposal to set up Regional Medical Health Care Centres on the Lines of the National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bangalore. However, it is proposed to developmental hospitals/medical colleges on a regional basis so that they could undertake training of medical and para medical personnel working in Primary Health Centres in mental health care.

#### **Extinction of Siberian Cranes and Migratory Birds**

\*640. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Siberian Cranes and some other migratory birds are facing extinction; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government for the protection of these endangered species?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI): (a) As per report available the number of Siberian Cranes wintering in India has steadily gone down in the last few years—from 41 in 1984-85 to 31 in 1987-88 and further down to 23 in 1988-89. As regard other migratory birds, no reports of their decrease in number of in recent years have been received.

(b) 1. Steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect the Siberian Crane include:-

(i) Intensive protection and monitoring of the Keoladeo National Park, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, which until last winter, is the only known win-