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Dated : 1st September, 1998.

**RESOLUTION**

The Government of India have decided to set up the Antarctic Study Centre hereinafter referred to as the ASC as an autonomous Registered Society by converting its present attached office at Goa for undertaking projects, Research & Development (R&D) related to the Antarctica and Oceans. Accordingly, ASC has been registered as an autonomous Society under the Societies Registration Act of Goa on 26.05.98 with its registered office at Vasco-da-gama, Goa. The ASC will function as a Society under the supervision of the Department of Ocean Development (DOD) and will provide necessary scientific/ technological inputs in such areas of ocean development as the DOD may decide.

- 2. The main objectives of ASC are to :
  - (a) undertake, aid, promote, guide, co-ordinate and conduct research in the field of polar (Antarctic/ Arctic) science and oceanography
  - (b) promote, guide, conduct in other related frontier areas of polar and allied sciences which are contemporary, challenging and emerging and to specially foster those areas which have a potential for application in major emerging areas of science and technology
  - (c) initiate programmes of strategic polar research which will create a knowledge base for future commercial interests of India in the Antarctica, Arctic and the oceans
  - (d) develop technology in the fields of polar science and logistics
  - (e) establish and maintain the research base at Antarctica and carry out all activities related to Antarctica expedition
  - (f) any other objectives relating to polar and ocean research and development as may be set by the DOD

3. The administration and Management of the society will be vested in the Governing Council. The composition of the Governing Council is as follows:

- 1. Dr A E Muthunayagam Secretary, DOD - Ex-officio Chairman
- 2. Prof. U R Rao, Member, Space Commission - Co-Chairman
- 3. Dr Harsh Gupta, Director, NGRI - Ex-officio
- 4. Prof B L K Somayajulu, PRL ✓
- 5. Dr George Joseph, Director, SAC - Ex-officio
- 6. Dr E Desa, Director, NIO, Goa Ex-officio
- 7. Dr. P K Bakshi, JGFA, DOD - Ex-officio - Member Finance
- 8. Sh A K Chugh, JS(A), DOD - Ex-officio
- 9. Prof. A K Kashyap, Deptt. of Botany, BHU ✓
- 10. Dr V P Sandias, Chief Controller, R&D, DRDO - Ex-officio
- 11. Dr P C Pandey, Advisor, ASC, Goa - Ex-officio - Member Secretary

4. The Governing Council shall be assisted by Advisory Committee(s) for the management of the affairs of the society. The committee(s) will be constituted by the Governing Council.

5. The Society will function as a non-profit, non-commercial, ~~non-commercial~~ with the aim and objectives of the Society. The financial requirements of the Society will be met as far as possible by DOD. The Institute is, however, also empowered to obtain funds for its activities from other governmental and lawful non-governmental and external sources.

6. The various expedition related activities co-ordinated and carried out by and the employees of the attached office of DOD would stand transferred to the Society.

The assets, liabilities and infrastructure including those of the various expedition and the establishment at the Indian Station in Antarctica except the land and building of the attached office of DOD at Goa would also stand transferred to the Society.

7. Hindi version is attached.

( A. K. CHUGH )  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India

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**ORDER**

Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Gazette of India. Ordered also that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to the Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India and all others concerned.



**( A. K. CHUGH )**

**Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India**

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