

million cu. mts. of natural gas have been produced from the oil and gas fields in Thanjore district of Tamil Nadu upto 31.7.1991.

(b) and (c). The recent discoveries are at Adiyakkamangalam, Kamalapuram, Narimnam, Thiruverur and Nannilam. Exploration is continuing.

Rationalising of flights

2882. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently undertaken a study to economise fuel use by reviewing and rationalising the flight levels; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard and the extent of fuel saving likely to be effected thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The optimisation of flight levels is continuously under review. There are a number of technical factors that impinge on flight levels. Taking them into account, the National Airports Authority makes every effort to assign optimum flight levels to Indian Airlines' operations.

Airbus A-320

2883. SHRI CHETAN P. S. CHAUHAN:
SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Airbus A-320 which were to be purchased as per the agreement, the number out of them delivered so far;

(b) whether the Government had to pay some compensation for the delay caused in accepting the delivery of some Airbus-320; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) While all the 19 Airbus A-320 aircraft in terms of the Purchase Agreement of 15.3.1986 have been received, 12 more aircraft in terms of the supplementary agreement of 5.6.1989 are yet to be received.

(b) and (c). Indian Airlines has not paid any compensation to Airbus Industrie on account of delay in taking delivery of the aircraft.

[*Translation*]

College and School in Danapur Division for Railway Employees

2884. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no-senior secondary school for wards of railway employees working in the Danapur Division in Bihar;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government so far to set up a senior secondary school there;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start a post graduate college in Art and Science subjects for the wards of railway employees in this division; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir. There are Senior Secondary Schools in Danapur Division.