

not entered the Tamil Nadu shelf till this date?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):** (a) The cause of fire accident on board Research Vessel Sagar Kanya was investigated by the Shipping Corporation of India. The probable cause of fire in the engine room of the vessel was accidental impingement of a jet of diesel oil fuel from the auxiliary engine.

(b) The speed of the vessel at no time has gone below 8 knots per hour. There is no increase in fuel consumption after the accident. The operating cost of the vessel also remains unchanged.

(c) The vessel is undertaking oceanographic research cruise in the Caribbean Sea under the Commonwealth Science Programme jointly organised by the Commonwealth Science Council and the Government of India.

(d) The vessel attains a normal cruising speed of 12 knots under fair weather conditions; the average consumption of fuel, as before the accident, is 15 tons per day at 195/200 revolutions per minute. The daily standing charges for the vessel are Rs. 69,265/- excluding operational expenses such as port dues fuel charges etc.

(e) The vessel has been extensively used for oceanographic and geophysical surveys of the Eastern Continental Shelf of India including the Tamil Nadu shelf.

#### **Status Report on Pollution**

6942. **SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Pollution Control Boards have been asked to monitor water

and air pollution and prepare status reports; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard by various States?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):** (a) The State Pollution Control Boards are monitoring air and water quality levels. They have not been asked to prepare status reports.

(b) There are 400 Water Quality Monitoring Stations and 157 Air Quality Monitoring Stations, as on 31st March, 1990.

#### **Preservation of Art, Culture and Historical Places of East and West Champaran Districts in Bihar**

6943. **SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to protect, preserve and develop the art, culture and historical places of the East and West Champaran districts of Bihar; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Schools Without Building in U.P.**

6944. **SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of Primary, Middle, Secondary and Kendriya Vidyalayas run-