

(f) the number of Airbus A-320 grounded during 1991 and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There have been certain minor snags in the operation of Airbus A-320 aircraft. Such snags are not unusual in aircraft operations. No serious snags have been encountered after the reintroduction. Indian Airlines has been exercising due vigilance and caution in promptly rectifying such snags and there has been no compromise in ensuring the safety of operations.

(c) to (e) There was an incident of inadvertent deployment of the escape slide chute by an Airhostess at Bangalore. Suitable action has been taken against the airhostess.

(f) Two A-320 aircraft have been on ground for major check (Check 'C').

Alleppey-Kayankulam Railway Line

1891. **SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN:**

SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far and the expenditure incurred on Alleppey-Kayankulam railway line;

(b) whether there is any hurdle in the construction of the railway bridge at Valenjvazh/Ambalapuzha on the said line; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 70% Expenditure upto 31-3-1991 is Rs. 37.91 crores and outlay for 1991-92 is Rs. 1.16 crores.

(b) and (c) Certain matters regarding the construction of a Road Over

Bridge at Valenjvazh/Ambalapuzha have not been resolved with the Ministry of Surface Transport, but the same is not going to delay opening of this line. The line will be opened with a temporary level crossing at the above site.

LPG Connections in Tamil Nadu

1892. **SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered for LPG connections during the last three years in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of connections released out of them; and

(c) the pending list thereof district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 8,46,128.

(b) 1,95,003.

(c) Releasing LPG connection is a continuous process and therefore it is difficult to give the definite district-wise figures.

Privatisation of Power Generation in Tamil Nadu

1893. **SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM:**

SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise power generation in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the names of the private parties who are likely to be engaged and the quantum of power likely to be generated thereby?