

ment to destinations, if so desired, by the messengers, etc.

- Provision of extra cushion between the flights.
- More time for maintenance of aircraft.
- Review of action taken for rectification of snags at the regions as well as at the headquarters.
- In case serious snags occur, which are likely to result in cancellations or inordinate delays, the Chief Engineering Managers of the base station are required to personally inspect the aircraft and in case the rectifications are likely to result in delays or cancellations, then information is passed on immediately to the en-route stations.
- The Regional Managers are holding daily meetings with the operational heads to discuss snags
- Reviews are also conducted at headquarters.

(c) There has been appreciable improvement during the recent months.

Assistance to IOC Refineries by Multinationals

2181. SHRI RAJAMOHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Oil Corporation is seeking any technical assistance from multinational oil companies for its refineries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). There is a proposal for obtaining technical assistance from multinational oil companies, on a centralised basis for all the oil refineries in the country, on payment of a retainer fee and at specified rates per man hour. This will enable the refineries to keep abreast of the procedures and techniques being followed elsewhere in the world in the field of energy conservation, safety, optimisation of operations for improving the yield pattern, and also in developing new projects for optimum utilisation of facilities.

The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Power Generation in Bihar

2182. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the annual per capita power generation and consumption in the country;

(b) the per capita power generation and consumption in Bihar, particularly North Bihar, Chhotanagpur and Central Bihar; and

(c) the steps taken to augment the power generation in the country and particularly in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Waiting list for LPG connections in Delhi

2183. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state: