

(a) whether Union Government have received a proposal from Government of Uttar Pradesh to declare Mirzapur district as an industrially backward district; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Government received a suggestion in March, 1989 from the then Irrigation Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh to declare District Mirzapur in Uttar Pradesh as a 'No Industry District'.

(b) There is no proposal to declare any district including Mirzapur as 'No Industry District'.

[*Translation*]

Natural Gas Deposits in Bombay High

5102. **PROF. MAHADEO SHIWANKAR:** Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some more deposits of natural gas have been discovered in Bombay High; and

(b) if so, the quantity of gas find therein?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). No new natural gas deposits have been discovered in the Bombay High fields in the recent past. After January 1989, gas has been struck in four satellite structures near the Bombay High field. The average rate of gas flow from these structures varies between 1.6 and 4.3 lakh cubic metres per day.

[*English*]

Facilities for landing international flights at Trivandrum Airport

5103. **SHRI A. CHARLES:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trivandrum Airport has all facilities for landing international flights;

(b) whether any International Airlines other than Air India have approached Government for landing rights at the Trivandrum Airport; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Trivandrum Airport has limited facilities for aircraft upto Airbus 300.

(b) and (c). Air India is operating Colombo-Trivandrum services. States of Qatar, Bahrain and UAE have approached Government of India for permitting their designated airlines to operate flights from/to Trivandrum. This was, however, not allowed because Trivandrum is not available as a point of call to the aforesaid carriers under the existing bilateral air services arrangements.

Concessions to NRI

5104. **SHRI PALAI K. M. MATHEW:** Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme to attract NRIs to start industries in India; and

(b) if so, the special incentives and