

(b) Increase in consequential delays was the main reason in the decline of on-time performance of Indian Airlines.

As against 93,502 flights operated in 1983, Indian Airlines with the same fleet operated 1,02,227 flights in 1984. As a result of the increased utilisation of aircraft, each primary delay resulted in more number of consequential delays. Delays for causes within the and engineering are constantly monitored and corrective action taken to minimise them. The on-time performance of Indian Airlines during the first two months of 1985 has shown improvement.

Setting up of Atomic Power Station in Tamil Nadu

2405. SHRI E.S.M. PAKEER MOHAMED : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) number of Nuclear Power Plants in the country which are completely working and producing energy for the Public Sectors;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up some more Atomic Power Plants in the country; and

(c) whether Tamil Nadu also figures in the Plans in this regard and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL) : (a) All the five atomic power generating units in the country are operating satisfactorily.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Sites in Tamil Nadu have been assessed by the Site Selection Committee along with other sites in the Southern Electricity Region for setting up nuclear power stations. Its report for the Southern Electricity Region of which Tamil Nadu forms a constituent part is under consideration of the Government.

National Parks

2406. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many parks have been declared as National Parks in the country; and

(b) how many of them have been visited by the Minister and the Secretary of Environment during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN) : (a) There are at present 53 National Parks in the country.

(b) During the years 1982, 1983 and 1984, the then Union Deputy Minister for Environment visited 24 National Parks. During the same period, the Secretary to the Department of Environment did not visit any.

Discussion held at Meeting of SA RC at Male

2407. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the subjects discussed at the recent meeting at Male (Maldives) at the Standing Committee of SARC (South Asian Regional Co-operation) countries; and

(b) the results of these discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN) : (a) The main subjects discussed at the Third Session of the SARC Standing Committee held in Male in February 1985 were a review of the progress in the implementation of the SARC programmes and preparations for the SARC Summit to be held in Dhaka at the end of 1985. Other substantive items on the agenda included a review of the financial arrangements, identification of new areas of co-operation and a review of world economic situation.