

Steps are being taken to reduce flaring which include implementation of various projects some of which have been posed for World Bank assistance. The World Bank has sanctioned loan assistance of US \$ 450 Million.

[*Translation*]

Survey for Railway Line from Una to Jogendra Nagar

*54. PROF. PREM DHUMAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Himachal Pradesh Government to conduct a survey for broad gauge railway line via Una, Shahtalai, Bilaspur, Barmana, Sundar Nagar and Mandi up to Jogendra Nagar; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHIRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of constraint of resources it would be difficult to take up this work.

[*English*]

Grounding of Airbus A-320

*55. PROF. K. V. THOMAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Airbus A-320 aircraft grounded after the Bangalore crash ;

(b) whether this grounding of Airbus A-320 is justifiable; and

(c) the details of safety measures taken before re-introduction of these aircraft.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) 14 Airbus A-320 aircraft remained on ground from 19-2-1990 onwards. 4 Airbus A-320 aircraft, which were received during October, 1990 had also remained so from the date of their arrival.

(b) Following the Bangalore air crash, the operations of A-320 fleet was suspended keeping in view the apprehension in the mind of the travelling public and the need for evaluating the state of preparedness of Indian Airlines for the safe operation of the fleet.

(c) The Technical Committee appointed under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal S. S. Ramdas had made certain recommendations for the safe operation of the A-320 fleet. These recommendations related to :

- (i) Training of Pilots.
- (ii) Training of 'A' and 'C' Engineers.
- (iii) Maintenance Infrastructure.
- (iv) Maintenance/operating procedures and use of Minimum Equipment List (MEL).
- (v) Integrated Management System to Coordinate all the activities related to rectification of the deficiencies noted.

Indian Airlines has taken adequate steps to implement these recommendations before resuming A-320 operations.