

not entered the Tamil Nadu shelf till this date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) The cause of fire accident on board Research Vessel Sagar Kanya was investigated by the Shipping Corporation of India. The probable cause of fire in the engine room of the vessel was accidental impingement of a jet of diesel oil fuel from the auxiliary engine.

(b) The speed of the vessel at no time has gone below 8 knots per hour. There is no increase in fuel consumption after the accident. The operating cost of the vessel also remains unchanged.

(c) The vessel is undertaking oceanographic research cruise in the Caribbean Sea under the Commonwealth Science Programme jointly organised by the Commonwealth Science Council and the Government of India.

(d) The vessel attains a normal cruising speed of 12 knots under fair weather conditions; the average consumption of fuel, as before the accident, is 15 tons per day at 195/200 revolutions per minute. The daily standing charges for the vessel are Rs. 69,265/- excluding operational expenses such as port dues fuel charges etc.

(e) The vessel has been extensively used for oceanographic and geophysical surveys of the Eastern Continental Shelf of India including the Tamil Nadu shelf.

Status Report on Pollution

6942. **SHRI NARSINGRAO SURYAWANSHI:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Pollution Control Boards have been asked to monitor water

and air pollution and prepare status reports; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this regard by various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The State Pollution Control Boards are monitoring air and water quality levels. They have not been asked to prepare status reports.

(b) There are 400 Water Quality Monitoring Stations and 157 Air Quality Monitoring Stations, as on 31st March, 1990.

Preservation of Art, Culture and Historical Places of East and West Champaran Districts in Bihar

6943. **SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to protect, preserve and develop the art, culture and historical places of the East and West Champaran districts of Bihar; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Schools Without Building in U.P.

6944. **SHRI SARJU PRASAD SAROJ:** Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of Primary, Middle, Secondary and Kendriya Vidyalayas run-

ning without buildings in Uttar Pradesh particularly in Lucknow and Pratapgarh;

(b) the amount of financial assistance given by Union Government to construct the buildings for such schools during the last three years; and

(c) the time by which the construction work of these schools buildings are likely to

be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) According to the Fifth All India Educational Survey (1986) conducted by NCERT and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the number of Schools without buildings in Uttar Pradesh are:

	<i>Primary</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Secondary</i>	<i>Kendriya Vidyalaya</i>
In Lucknow	322	35	Nil	Nil
In Pratapgarh	387	20	Nil	Nil
In the State	13689	2129	15	Nil

(b) and (c). Construction of School buildings is the responsibility of the State Government and is taken up by them according to the availability of resources. No financial assistance has been given by the Central Government for construction of Middle or Secondary school buildings in the last three years. The Ninth Finance Commission had, however, made an award of Rs. 69.61 crores for primary school buildings in 1989-90. The State Government had also allocated Rs. 8.83 crores in 1987-88 and Rs. 9.01 crores in 1988-89 under NREP/RLEGP for construction of primary schools buildings.

Renovation of Delhi Zoo

6945. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Zoo is proposed to be renovated and remodelled; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, the objective thereof; and the estimated expenditure thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b). National Zoological Park, Delhi is being improved to provide hygienic and congenial living conditions for the animals and to provide better facilitations to the visitors. The main works undertaken in this regard are given in the statement below alongwith the estimated expenditure. In addition, a greening drive has been undertaken by planting trees.