

[English]

**Standards for Indian Airlines Operations**

\*218. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:  
DR. A.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Civil Aviation has been applying strict standards in Indian Airlines operations; and

(b) if not, the matter in which a departure from the prescribed norms and standards is permitted and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Illegal supply of Coal to a private Industrial Unit**

\*219. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR:  
SHRI K. MANVENDRA SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Colliery Workers Union have urged upon Government to investigate into a private industrial unit getting their coal supply illegally;

(b) if so, the investigation made and the outcome thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the persons found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigation carried out revealed that a private industrial unit transferred some coal from their stocks to their associate company on returnable loan basis as reported by them. No violation of Colliery Control Order has been made out.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

**Compressed Natural Gas Supply to Metropolitan Cities**

\*220. SHRI L.K. ADVANI:  
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide compressed natural gas supply to Delhi, Bombay and other metropolitan cities to ensure comfortable situation of LPG supply; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b). Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filled in cylinders can be used in motor vehicles as an automotive fuel in replacement of petrol/diesel. Pilot studies in this regard are being carried out. The use of CNG on a commercial scale can be considered only after its techno-economic feasibility has been fully established.

Natural Gas can also be supplied through pipelines to households for use as a domestic fuel in replacement of LPG/Kerosene. Gas Authority of India Ltd. have pro-