

Indian Airlines' flight on Delhi-Jaipur-Kota route

518. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to operate an Indian Airlines' flight daily on Delhi-Jaipur-Kota route instead of thrice a week;

(b) whether Government also propose to extend the said flight upto Indore; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to take a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT):

(a) No, Sir. The present passenger load does not justify a daily flight.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Negotiations with Shri Laldenga

519. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State at which the negotiations with Shri Laldenga stand;

(b) whether it is a fact that only issues like statehood for Mizoram and special safeguards for the Mizo language remain to be settled; and

(c) by when the negotiations with the Mizo leader are likely to be started again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI-MATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) to (c) Talks with Shri Laldenga are still continuing.

Migration of Sikh Families to Punjab from other States

520. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI H. L. KAPOOR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Sikh families migrated from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh to Punjab for safety following violent attacks against the Sikhs in the wake of the assassination of Shrimati Indira Gandhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) whether Government have made any effort to persuade them to return to their places of residence; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, and what results have been achieved in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) According to the information collected by the Government of Punjab, around 5 000 Sikh families had moved to Punjab from outside the State.

(c) and (d) Efforts have been made to remove their misgivings and persuade those families to return to their original places. Some State Governments have already deputed teams of officials/non-officials to visit such families at various places in Punjab. As a result of action taken by the authorities a number of such families have already returned to their original places.

Education in Space Science

521. SHRI VISWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take to sustain and enlarge popular interest and education in Space Science in view of the popular interest created by the Joint Indo-Soviet space venture?

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 PATIL): The progress of projects and programmes