

Promotion of biofuels in flights

348. SHRI VIJAY GOEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to promote flights using biofuels on large scale;
- (b) whether government has any proposals or projects in pipeline to promote the use of biofuels in flights; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI): (a) to (c) Biofuels have the potential to reduce carbon emissions from aviation. One of the domestic scheduled airline- M/s Spicejet Ltd. had taken initiative to have "proof of concept" by using biofuel on one of its flights successfully, in consultation with Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation. Use of Biofuels is possible, depending upon commercial viability and easy availability.

European MPs' visit to Jammu and Kashmir

†349. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has given permission to the delegation of European MPs to meet citizens of Jammu and Kashmir to assess the current situation there;
- (b) whether the delegation of European MPs was organised by an NGO;
- (c) the justification for stopping the delegation of Indian MPs, which earlier went there to meet the citizens; and
- (d) the justification for visit of the delegation of European MPs in current situation in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY): (a) to (d) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported that a group of 27 Members of European Parliament (MEPs), who belonged to different