

(c) the places where these two rigs will be installed; and

(d) to what extent these will be beneficial?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Two contracts have been signed by ONGC with M/s. Chowgule for the charter hiring of two land rigs for a period of two years on a day rate basis for drilling operations in Rajasthan. These two rigs are yet to be mobilised by M/s. Chowgule.

(d) Drilling with these rigs will help in the acceleration of exploration/exploitation of hydrocarbons in Rajasthan.

[*Translation*]

#### Timing of Jind-Panipat Train

9875. SHRI KAPIL DEV SHASTRI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the train running on Jind-Panipat section starts from Delhi at 4.10 a.m. and reaches back at 10.30 p.m. and whether Government propose to revert to old time scheduled which was effective five years back, by rescheduling the start of the trains from Jind at 5.30 a.m. and departure from Delhi at 6.30 p.m. to avoid inconvenience to the employees; and

(b) if so, when?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Any further changes to follow old schedule is, however, operationally not feasible.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

#### New Train Between Bangalore and Bhubaneswar

9876. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to run a new train between Bangalore and Bhubaneswar via Madras Vijayawada etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### Computerisation of Passenger Reservation in Maharashtra

9877. SHRI UDAISINGRAO NANSHEB GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for selection of railway stations for computerisation of passenger reservation service;

(b) the railway stations in Maharashtra where computerised reservation system has already been introduced; and

(c) whether these services are proposed to be started at Kolhapur railway station also in Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Stations are selected for providing computerised reservation services on the basis of their reservation work-load and importance, such as, being State Capital or Zonal Headquarter.

(b) Computerised reservation system has already been introduced at Bombay VT, Bombay Central and Churchgate stations in Maharashtra.

(c) The reservation workload at Kolhapur does not justify computerisation at this stage.

#### Reduction of Interest Rate to State Electricity Boards

9878. SHRI VENKATA KRISHNA REDDY KASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering reducing the interest rate on the loans given to the State Electricity Boards for rural electrification and pumps set energisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.