

**Provision of A.C Coaches in Rameshwaram Express and Cholan Express**

9865. SHRI S. SINGARAVADIVEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trains running on the main line between Madras Egmore and Trichy via Mailaduthurai and Thanjavur are not provided with air-conditioned facilities;

(b) whether there are repeated representations for the provision of AC2-Tier sleeper coach in Rameshwaram, Express and AC Chair car in Cholan Express; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to provide these facilities in these

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some demands have been received.

(c) Presently not feasible due to non-availability of adequate coaches.

**Shortage of H.M.T. Watches**

9866. SHRI RAJAMOHANA REDDY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been acute shortage of H.M.T. watches;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of watches of various models likely to be produced during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) to (c). Considering the demand for HMT watches, there is a supply shortfall in certain types of watches like ladies, automatic, etc. This is largely due to capacity constraints in availability of movements and appearance parts. HMT has however planned to increase its production

to about 7 million watches during 1990-91.

**Railway Line Between Thiruvalla and Trivandrum**

9867. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for new Railway line of Thiruvalla-Trivandrum, passing through Kozhenchery, Pathanamthitta, Konny, Pathanapuram, Punalur, Nedumanggad etc. in the South-Eastern hilly areas of Kerala; and

(b) when the construction work will be started under a time bound programme?

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

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**Shatabdi Express Between Delhi and Gorakhpur**

9868. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have proposal to introduce a new fast train like 'Shatabdi Express' on Delhi-Gorakhpur line' 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.

**Setting Up of Petrochemical Complex in Punjab**

9869. S. ATINDER PAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state.