

engineer to carry out any certification work on the aircraft. The aircraft engineers, by virtue of their licences issued by DGCA carry out the certification work. In case of technical officers no such responsibilities are attached as they do not and are not required to possess any licence/approval for carrying out their duties in engineering department. As such, payment of productivity allowance/qualification pay to technical officers does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Free Passes to Freedom Fighters

5206. SHRI HARSH VARDHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of freedom fighters who have been provided with free passes by Government for rail travel indicating the duration thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to provide this facility to them for life; and

(c) if so, when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c). Freedom Fighters and their widows drawing pension from the Central Revenues are issued Complimentary Card Passes for lifetime, subject to renewal every year. About 44,913 passes have been issued to Freedom fighters upto February, 1990, since reintroduction of the scheme on 31.08.1989.

[*English*]

Computerisation at Trivandrum Station

5207. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated in 1990-91 for computerisation of the reservation system in Trivandrum station; and

(b) the details of the computerisation programme proposed to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The total amount allocated in 1990-91 for computerising the reservation system in Trivandrum is Rs. 1.72 crores.

(b) The computerisation will provide facility of on-line reservation at Trivandrum, for all trains handled at Trivandrum Madras and Bangalore.

[*Translation*]

Petrol/Diesel Pumps in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh

5208. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATTYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of additional petrol and diesel pumps proposed to be set up in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh to meet the demand during the celebrations of 'Singhasth' Kumbha festival in 1992; and the steps taken in this regard; and

(b) the number of petrol and diesel pumps in each district of Madhya Pradesh and the number among them allotted to SC/ST communities?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

(b) The information is given in the Statement below.