

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

#### Computerisation of Passenger Reservations

71. SHRI BALESHWAR YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to go in for further computerization for reservation purposes in Railways; and

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

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reservation systems at nine more locations, viz., Pune, Patna, Jaipur, Guwahati, Jammu Tawi, Gorakhpur, Trivandrum, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack are expected to be computerised during 1990-91.

[*English*]

#### Power Cut in Gujarat

72. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTAMDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been unprecedented power cut in Gujarat recently;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) to what extent Union Government have agreed to solve the power problem in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) and (b). The State of Gujarat faced a marginal power shortage of 3.5% during the period April, 1989 to February, 1990 and 3.7% during the month of February, 1990. Power cuts were imposed on the H.T. consumers by the State to contain the maximum demand during peak load period. However, during February, 1990 there were no power cuts in the State of Gujarat.

(c) In order to improve the availability of power in the State, various measures are being taken which include expediting commissioning of new capacities, optimum utilisation of existing capacities, reduction in transmission and distribution losses and implementation of Renovation and Modernisation programme of thermal power stations. In addition, Gujarat is also entitled to its share from Central generating stations in the region. Assistance is also provided to Gujarat from Maharashtra depending upon the system conditions.

[*Translation*]

#### Rail Link from Hazaribagh to Patratu (Bihar)

73. PROF. YADUNATH PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rail link from Hazaribagh to Patratu in Bihar; and

(b) if not, the steps being taken or proposed by Government to provide this rail link?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir