

(c) the names of the countries in which Indian engineers are working at present in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No foreign country has requested the Government of India for services of Indian engineers and technicians for setting up oil refineries in those countries.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) This information is not available.

#### Railway Lines in Punjab

9760. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many new Railway lines were constructed in Punjab since 15th August, 1947;

(b) whether a survey was conducted for new railway line between Ludhiana and Chandigarh;

(c) is there any proposal for construction of a new railway line between Moga and Bhatinda; and

(d) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Five.

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Timing of arrival of Janata Express at Bhatinda

9761. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Janata Express running between Feroze-

pore-Delhi-Bombay used to reach Bhatinda Jn. by 8.08 A.M. whereas another train Ganganagar-Bhatinda (377 DN) used to reach by 9.10 A.M. at Bhatinda Jn. and thus a difference of only two minutes derives hundreds of people from catching Janata;

(b) whether the people of Abohor, Malout, Giddabahe sent strong representations and time table authorities instead of delaying the Janata Express by 10 or 15 minutes have further cut the departure time of Janata express by 16 minutes; and

(c) if so, why?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN): (a) Prior to 1-4-78 24 Dn. Ferozepur Bombay Central Janata Express was scheduled to leave Bhatinda at 8.08 hours and 344 Dn. (not 377 Dn.) Shri Ganganagar Delhi Passenger was scheduled to arrive Bhatinda at 08.10 hours.

(b) and (c). In response to persistent demands 24 Dn. Janata Express is scheduled to leave Bhatinda still earlier at 6.57 hours with effect from 1st April, 1978, so that the passengers can reach Delhi earlier, where it reaches now at 11.55 hours as against 13.15 hours before 1st April, 1978.

#### Plan to Shift Certain Diesel and Coal train services from Delhi to Electric Services

9762. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry has any plan to shift diesel and coal train services from Delhi to Amritsar, Delhi to Jammu and Delhi to Ludhiana and Jullundur into electric services;

(b) if so, what are the details of plan of shifting to electric engines; and

(c) if not, why?