

(c) No.

(d) This system has several advantages. For example, those who are able to plan out their journey programme in advance can go and make reservations without having to come to the booking office only on a particular date, i.e. ten days (II Class) or 20 days (1st Class) in advance of the date of the proposed journey. Again, when passengers ask for reservation of a berth for a particular day and if it is not available on that particular day, they can ask for a berth on the next available day if they choose to do so. Unlike the old arrangement, he need not come again and stand in queue for making requests for reservations for the subsequent date. Thirdly, because there is no time limit for reservations and people do not have to queue up from the time of the opening of the booking office on a particular date, i.e., 10 days (II Class) or 20 days (1st Class) in advance, it is expected that the rush at the countries will be considerably reduced. It is also expected that cornering of berths by anti-social elements will also be appreciably reduced.

**Relieving ASM in Post of Section
Controllers in Control Office,
Olavakkot**

7996. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are two relieving Assistant Station Masters in Control Office, Olavakkot in the posts of Section Controllers since 1962; and

(b) if so, the facts and reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) One Relieving Assistant Station Master is being utilised as Section Controller from 1963 and another from 1970.

(b) Because of acute shortage in this category from time to time in Olavakkot Division, it became necessary to utilise Relieving ASMs. Selection of Section Controllers could not be held during the last few years pending revision of scales on the basis of the Third Pay Commission recommendations and classification of the new scales as selection and non-selection grades. Posts of Section Controllers in scales Rs. 250—380 (AS) and Rs. 335—425 (AS) have as a result of the Pay Commission's recommendations been merged into a single grade and the posts have thereafter now been classified as selection posts. The Olavakkot Division is now holding selections for this grade and the ad-hoc arrangements will be terminated when duly selected candidates are available.

**Preparations to drill Fifth Well in
Bombay High**

7997. SHRI P. GANGADEB:
SHRI PURUSHOTTAM
KAKODKAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any preparation have been started by the O.&N.G.C. to drill up the Fifth well in Bombay High;

(b) if so, facts thereof; and

(c) whether the success achieved on the Fourth well so far has helped in the location of Fifth well; if so, broad features thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI C. P. MAJHI):

(a) to (c). Sagar Samrat has already been jacked up to start drilling operations at the fifth location on the Bombay High structure. The fifth well is going to be drilled about 40 kms. south of the fourth well to explore the southern extent of the structure.