

issued and funds raised to part finance select capacity enhancement projects of Doubling and Railway Electrification including rolling stock at interest rates ranging from 7.55% to 8.30% for tenors of 10 and 15 years.

**On-line reservation facility to physically challenged persons**

1993. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that at present on-line reservation facility is not available to physically challenged persons, causing a lot of hardship to them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps Railways propose to take to introduce on-line ticket reservation facility for physically challenged persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) to (c) All persons including physically challenged persons can book full fare tickets on payment through the internet. However, booking of concessional tickets requiring verification of the requisite concession certificate and also retention of copies of the said certificate issued/signed by the competent authority at the railway counter as documentary evidence is not done through internet. Accordingly, the facility of e-ticketing has not been extended to such cases where the physical document is to be verified at the time of booking on concessional fare as in case of physically challenged persons.

**Establishment of workshop at Jamalpur in Bihar**

1994. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have sanctioned for establishment of a workshop at Jamalpur in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the status of the project;
- (c) the amount of budget of the project and the amount already allocated till February, 2012;
- (d) the completion schedule of the project; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) A Railway workshop is already functioning at Jamalpur. Therefore, there is no proposal to set up another workshop at Jamalpur in Bihar.

- (b) to (e) Do not arise.