

(e) and (f). A suggestion to set up an education Bank has been received which, however, does not contain specific details.

Passenger Amenities

*17. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passenger amenities in Fast Passenger Trains and Super Fast/ Express Mail trains in different Zonal railways are not Uniform;

(b) whether the Government propose to make them uniform; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Standard of amenities, as far as coach design is concerned are uniform over all Zonal Railways.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Forest Project

*18. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally and Externally aided projects undertaken in Orissa for development of forests during the last three years;

(b) the achievement made so far in this regard;

(c) the financial assistance provided to the state for this purpose; and

(d) the details of the projects proposed to be started in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). Statements I and II are enclosed

(d) The State Government has proposed a project of about Rs. 256 crore for rehabilitation of degraded forests. This has been posed to Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA).