quarter of a teacher on administrative grounds to any place within the region as deemed fit and direct him to discharge his duties there. The Assistant Commissioner shall report forthwith the case with full facts to the Commissioner for confirmation or directions as may considered necessary by the Commissioner.

14. Notwithstanding any provision in the above guidelines, the Commissioner will be competent to make such departure from the guidelines as he may consider necessary in the interest of the Sangathan.

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. (V.K. Jain) Assistant Commissioner (HQ)

Copy to:-

All Assistant Commissioners, Regional Offices, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, for information and guidance.

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(V.K. Jain) -

Participation in Conference

4945. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

 (a) whether Indian Railways have participated in the Conference organised by the International Union of Railways
(UIC) in January, 1994 in New Delhi;

- (b) if so, the points of consensus arrived in the Conference; and
- (c) whether the Railways have started implementing any of these decisions?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) Discussion at the seminar focussed on the importance of Railways in the Economy of Nations. Various strategies for improving the performance of Railways were discussed. Cooperation between different modes of transport was proposed as one of the major strategies for improving transport services.
- (c) To improve transport services the Railways have already introduced multi-modal transport through the Container Corporation of India. The volume of traffic moved by the Container Corporation of India has increased substantially in the last few years.

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Passenger Facilities

4946. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether passenger facilities at Chanderpur and all terminus stations of Maharashtra are inadequate;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

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

[English]

Research Projects

4947. DR. K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the research projects in environment and forests funded by the Government during 1993-94 alongwith the cost involved in each case;
- (b) the names of research institutions/universities engaged in these research projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a)

and (b). During 1993-94, one hundred and fifteen research projects have been sanctioned in environment and forests at a total cost of Rs. 1068.5 Lakhs. A *Statement* containing details of these projects is enclosed.

Besides the above. Ministry of Environment and Forests also provided Rs. 3558 Lakhs to the Indian Council of Forestry Research & Education (ICFRE). Dehradun, Rs. 95 Lakhs to Indian Plvwood Industries Research and Training Institute, Bangalore, Rs. 410 Lakhs to Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, Rs. 415 Lakhs to Govind Ballabh Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Almora and Rs. 590 Lakhs to five Centres of Excellence, namely, (i) Centre for Mining Environment, Dhanbad, (ii) Ecological Research & Training Centre, Indian Institute of Science, Bengalore, (iii) Centre for Environment Education. Ahmedabad, (iv) CPR Environmental Education Centre, Madras and (v) Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History, Coimbatore.

STATEMENT

SI. No.	Title of Research Project		Total Cost (Rupees in Lakhs)
1	2	3	4
1.	Reclamation of Marble-Monuments affected by air-pollutants through chemical and biological means.	Birla Institute of Scientific Research, Malakpet Hyderabad.	8.53
2.	On optimization of air quality monitoring network	Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi	, 3.62
3.	Development of Nitrate selec- tive resins for removing Nitrate in potable water	Central Salt & Marine Chemicals Research Institute, Bhavanagar.	4.38