

(b) If so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to streamline the procedure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After discussing the issue at various fora including in the Forest Ministers Conference held on February 19-20, 1992, it has been decided to further streamline and decentralise examination of proposals under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Over-Bridge At Kuttipuram

1959. SHRI E. AHAMED: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any delay in the completion of over-bridge at Kuttipuram on Southern Railway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to complete the bridge expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) (a) to (c). The Railways' portion of the work on the road overbridge is completed. The bridge would be opened as soon as the State authorities complete their part of the work i.e. road approaches.

A.C. Coaches for Maharashtra Express

1960. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have received representations for attaching 2nd class Air-conditioned coaches in Maharashtra Express; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has not yet been possible to provide 2nd class A.C. coaches on many important trains on the Railways including Maharashtra Express due to shortage of such coaches on account of limited production capacity. As a policy, however, it has already been decided to provide 2nd class A.C. sleeper accommodation on all overnight Mail/Express trains in due course of time.

Environmental Orientation to School Education

1961. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools in Delhi proposed to be covered under NPE for taking up programmes aimed at creating environmental consciousness among students during 1992-93;

(b) the amount proposed to be spent therefor;

(c) the States and union Territories covered so far under the Centrally sponsored scheme for environmental Orientation to School Education?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARISELJA): (a) and (b). The proposal for taking up programmes aimed at creating environmental consciousness among students during 1992-93 is still awaited from the Union Territory of Delhi Administration.