

have been received since 1.1.1987 to date for clearance under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) The break up of the cases in given below :—

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| (i) No. of cases approved. | 3 |
| (ii) No. of cases received during March, 1988 and being processed. | 5 |
| (iii) No. of cases, in which the essential details sought from the State Government are still awaited. | 13 |

[English]

Replacement of old coaches of East Coast Express

4659. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the East Coast Express between Hyderabad and Howrah is being operated with very old coaches causing inconvenience to passengers; and

(b) if so, the likely date by which these old coaches are proposed to be replaced by new coaches ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD). (a) and (b) Only those coaches which are fit in respect of safety and amenity standards are retained in service. With the augmentation of manufacturing capacity of ICF by the end of VII Plan (1989-90) and the full commissioning of new coach factory at Kapurthala, the availability of new coaches shall increase, and it will be possible to replace older coaches.

[Translation]

Railway passes to Freedom fighters

4660. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to

issue rail passes to some more freedom fighters;

(b) if so, the number of freedom fighters to whom rail passes have been issued during the last one year;

(c) whether some freedom fighters have not yet been issued rail passes; and

(d) if so, the number thereof and the reasons therefor and the time by which rail passes are likely to be issued to them ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir, to those freedom fighters who are receiving pension from the Central Revenues but could not avail of the facility on the last occasion when the scheme was in operation.

(b) During the currency of the scheme last year 39,556 card passes were issued.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. However, the precise number of such freedom fighters who could not avail of the passes is not known, but they may avail of rail travel facility under the scheme currently valid upto 18.11.1988.

Primary education to children

4661. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the children of School going age have not been covered under primary education;

(b) if so, the number of children who are yet to be covered;

(c) the measures adopted by Government to cover all the school going children under primary education; and

(d) the number of primary schools proposed to be opened for the purpose and the time by which these are likely to be opened ?