

assistance from the Government of India for augmenting water supply in Bangalore city;

(b) if so, what decision has been arrived at; and

(c) the amount likely to be paid to the Government of Mysore during the current financial year.

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Yes.

(b) The first phase of the Bangalore City Water Supply Improvement Scheme (TriPLICATE Main) estimated to cost Rs. 50 lakhs was approved in February, 1961 under the National Water Supply and Sanitation Programme. In accordance with the prescribed pattern financial assistance is being provided by the Government of India to the Government of Mysore in the form of loan.

(c) The allocation of Central assistance to the State Governments for 1962-63 has not yet been decided.

#### **Cauvery Waters**

**290. Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madras Government had submitted any proposal to take water from Cauvery to serve the irrigation needs of Pudukkottai Division in Tiruchi District and East Ramanathapuram; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Hafiz Mohammed Ibrahim):** (a) We have not received any such proposal from the Government of Madras.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Tiger Cubs**

**291. Shri Birendra Bahadur Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the two tiger cubs presented to Mrs. Kennedy, wife of the U.S. President,

by the Air India International died in the Delhi Zoo within 24 hours of their arrival there;

(b) what was the reason of their sudden death; and

(c) whether Government contemplate to institute an enquiry into the circumstances?

**The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri S. K. Patil):** (a) The two cubs were received in the Zoo on 21st March, 1962 at 13.30 hours. One of the cubs died within six hours of its arrival. The second one died in the S.P.C.A. Hospital at 10.00 hours on the 23rd March, 1962.

(b) The cubs died of gastro enteritis which they had developed prior to their arrival at the Delhi Zoo, on account of overfeeding and want of proper exercise.

(c) No, Sir.

#### **Eradication of Contagious Diseases**

**292. Shri Basappa:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) the aid received from friendly Governments and International Agencies in the matter of eradicating contagious diseases during the Second and Third Plan periods so far; and

(b) to what extent these diseases have been controlled at present?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) and (b). The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

#### **Banasandra Railway Station**

**293. Shri Basappa:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Banasandra Railway station in Bangalore-Poona Section needs expansion and improvements as it is a watering and junction station, connecting four Taluk Headquarters; and