

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Union Government to amend the Pollution Control Acts and make the same more stringent against those who violate the law; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have made some suggestions regarding amendments to the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Even otherwise considerable work for amendments to these Acts has been undertaken over the last few months based on all suggestions including those from Andhra Pradesh. These proposals have now been referred to all State Governments for their views.

[Translation]

Development schemes in North-Eastern region

*135. SHRI BALWANT SINGH
RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI TEJA SINGH DARDI :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a time bound programme for the completion of the development schemes in North Eastern region; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of the Committee of Ministers for Economic Development of the North-Eastern region, which was held on 24.6.1986, the Official Level Committee to service and support the above Committee of Ministers drew up a time schedule for implementation of certain major Central Sector Schemes in the North-East. The broad outlines of these schemes are given in the Statement below.

Statement

Broad outlines of the major Central Sector Schemes for which a time schedule has been drawn up by the Official Level Committee to service and support the Committee of Minister for Economic Development of North-Eastern Region

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Target
1	2	3
1.	Construction of Balipara-Bhalukpong (35.46 Kms) Meter Gauge Railway Line	By December, 1989.
2.	Construction of Dharmanagar-Kumarghat (33 Kms.) (Meter Gauge Railway Line)	23 Kms. (Dharmanagar to Pechhartal) has been completed in March, 1986. Pechhartal to Kumarghat scheduled to be completed by December, 1988.
3.	Construction of Silchar-Jiribam (49.16 Kms.) (Meter Gauge Railway Line)	Scheduled to be completed by December, 1990.

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4.	Construction of Lalbazar-Bhairabi Meter Gauge Railway Line—48.15 Kms.	Scheduled to be completed by 1990.
5.	Construction of road-bridge over river Brahmaputra near Tezpur.	Scheduled to be completed by March, 1987.
6.	Construction of National Highway-53 (Imphal-Silchar).	Scheduled to be completed by 1990.
7.	Improvement of National Highway-44 (Assam-Agartala)	Scheduled to be completed by 1991.
8.	Completion of Transmission Line from Jiribam to Kumarghat via Aizawl.	Scheduled to be completed by April, 1987.
9.	Construction of Railway Sidings at Rangia for stocking cement and steel.	Scheduled to be completed during 1987-88.

[English]

Similipal Tiger Project

*136. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN :
SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the activities of Similipal Tiger Project in Orissa;

(b) whether the project authorities have undertaken any research work on tigers in Similipal forest; and

(c) the other works being done by the Similipal Tiger Project; and

(d) the amount sanctioned for the development and protection of the Similipal National Park ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) :

(a) and (c). Activities undertaken under the Similipal Tiger Project include protection of the fauna, flora and ecosystem; development

of roads and wireless communication; water conservation, habitat improvement; control of grazing; fire protection; collection of basic data and scientific information required for the better management of the area.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(d) Central assistance released to the Similipal Reserve during the Sixth Plan was Rs. 41.83 lakhs. During 1985-86 and 1986-87, Rs. 9.93 and Rs. 11.40 lakhs have been released as Central assistance.

Arrest of foreign nationals during raids in Delhi

*137. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether white heroin worth Rs. 9.6 crores in the international market and 176 kg. of charas worth Rs. 60 lakhs were seized from a foreign national by special staff of South District Police after raids in New Friends Colony and Dayanand Colony on 29 August, 1986;