

districts, a leopard has reportedly been killed in each of these two districts.

(c) A statement is given below.

Statement

The leopards are sometimes killed before the wildlife staff equipped with tranquilisation guns or equipment for capture can reach the spot. Tranquilisation guns and the expertise to handle them is also not always available close at hand. Sometimes the leopards cannot be tranquilised or trapped and have to be destroyed if they pose a threat to human life.

The measures proposed are :

- (i) better communication facilities so that the wildlife staff can be summoned quicker;
- (ii) acquisition of tranquilisation equipment; and
- (iii) imparting of training in tranquilisation and capture techniques.

[English]

Modernisation Scheme of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Limited

*227. SHRI R.P. DAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been received for modernisation and increasing the rated capacity of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme envisages an investment of Rs. 42.8 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 15.8 crores, for modernisation and expansion of the ship building and ship repair facilities at the Nazirganj Unit of the Company.

Bibinagar-Nadikudi Railway Line

*228. SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the original plan for the completion of Bibinagar-Nadikudi railway line including the estimated cost thereof;

(b) whether the construction work of this line is far behind the schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) the estimated expenditure incurred so far on this line; and

(e) whether Government propose to take any steps for the completion of this line within the scheduled programme and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) and (e) Construction of this new line was approved in 1974-75 at an estimated cost of Rs. 14.97 crores and progressed in phase according to availability of resources. The 1st phase from Bibinagar to Nalgonda was commissioned for traffic in March, 1981 and the whole line has been completed in February, 1988.

(d) Rs. 46 crore.

International Conference on Environment

*233. SHRI P.M. SYEED : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the decision has been taken to hold an international conference on environmental impact assessment this year by the Pollution Control Research Institute, Hardwar;

(b) if so, the names of other international organisations to be invited for participation;

(c) the various aspects to be covered in the conference; and