

(d) what administrative measures have been proposed by the Central Government to execute this inter-State scheme?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Project report prepared by the Chief Engineer, Bombay, does not contain any information in this regard.

(d) The execution of the scheme is the joint responsibility of the Governments of Mysore and Bombay, and in the absence of any reported disagreement or dispute between the two participating States about the execution of the Scheme, the question of proposing administrative measures by the Centre does not arise.

Silting of Ganges Bed

*557. **Shri Ghosal:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bed of the Ganges at the Calcutta port is being rapidly silted; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Government for dredging it?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) and (b). The difficulty in maintaining the constantly fluctuating depths in the navigation channels in the Hooghly has been increasing in recent years. The depths are being maintained by intensive dredging and river training works.

Smuggling of Foodgrains

*558. **Shri Assar:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that smuggling of foodgrains is going on on a large scale on the border of Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) In view of the 'Cease Fire Line' being constantly patrolled and close watch kept by the Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police there is little possibility of smuggling of foodgrains across the border;

(b) Does not arise.

बहुप्रयोजनीय योजनाएं

*५५९. श्री भोगजी भाई : क्या सिंचाई और बिजल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विशेषकर पिछड़े क्षेत्रों में छोटी बहुप्रयोजनीय योजनाओं को कार्यान्वित करने के लिये सरकार का क्या कार्यक्रम है और उन पर किये जाने वाले व्यय की सीमा क्या है और

(ख) छोटी योजनाओं के सम्बन्ध में सरकार की क्या प्रत्यापनायें हैं ?

सिंचाई और बिजल मंत्री (श्री स०का० पाटिल): (क) और (ख) जानकारी एकत्रित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Community Development in Punjab

*560. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount allocated by the Central Government for Community Development work in Punjab and the erstwhile State of Pepsu in the year 1956-57 was fully utilised by the State Governments; and

(b) if not, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of Community Development (Shri S. K. Dey): (a) Yes, except that loan funds to the extent of about Rs. 50 lakhs could not be utilised.

(b) The savings in the loan funds are due mainly to temporary upset in administration following the integration of Punjab and Pepsu States and partly to the General Elections.

Export of Frog Meat

*561. { Shri V. P. Nayar:
Shri Ramakrishna Reddy:

Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) whether frog meat is now exported to U.S.A.;

(b) if so, the form in which it is exported;

(c) whether in view of dollar earning potentiality of this article, the Central Government is giving any encouragement or financial assistance to this business; and

(d) the generic and specific names of frogs used for the export of frog meat?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain): (a) Yes.

(b) The skinned frozen hind legs of frogs are exported after being packed in wooden boxes.

(c) No subsidy is being given

(d) Frogs of the genus "Rana" Specific names of frogs are not available.

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*५६२. श्री बिभूति मिश्र . क्या स्वास्थ्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुष्ठ के इलाज के लिये सरकार के अधीन किसी पेटेंट दवा का आविष्कार किया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो वह कौनसी दवा है और उसका किस प्रकार प्रयोग किया जाता है ?

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री (श्री करनकर) :-
(क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Soil Erosion in Bihar

*563. Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that large scale soil erosion by Ganges, Gandak and Gogra in Bihar and specially in Saran District is going on since last two years; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to arrest the erosion?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri S. K. Patil): (a) and (b). Enquiries made from the Government of Bihar show that, except the erosion of 'diara' which is usual in the case of large alluvial rivers, there is no large-scale erosion on the banks of the Ganga, the Gandak and the Gogra. Whenever unusual erosion of banks takes place on the banks of the Gandak and the Gogra, bank piling and spurs are provided to stop erosion. No such protective works have so far been required on the river Ganga in Saran district.

Tourism

*564. Shri Raghunath Singh: Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of rupees seven lakhs allocated for tourism during the last year only about rupees 1.5 lakhs could be spent; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) A provision of Rs. 17.38 lakhs was made in the Budget Estimates for the year 1956-57. Out of that about Rs. 1.47 lakhs were spent.

(b) The provision made was mostly for meeting expenditure on improve-