

(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.

कुष्ठ

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

(क) क्या कुष्ठ के इलाज के लिये सरकार के अधीन किसी वेस्टेंट 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-