

loan of Rs. 80,000 has been given to the local body for provision of amenities in the villages.

The question of granting a further loan for meeting the expenditure on water mains to be laid by the Joint Water and Sewage Board is under consideration.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: In addition to the amount given, has any further amount been asked for either as loan or as grant? In regard to the amounts already sanctioned, I want to know whether they have been given as loans or as grants.

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: That is more than I can say at the moment. I shall try to find this out. I find for instance, that a loan of Rs. 80,000 has been given to the West Delhi Municipal Committee for the provision of amenities in the villages.

SHRI M. VALIULLA: Is it meant mostly for the refugees or are there other people also residing in those areas?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: Subject to correction, I should say that this amount has been given to the W.D.M.C. because a large number of the people living there are refugees but for the precise number of non-refugees, I should like to have notice.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Since when has this Committee been functioning?

SHRI D. P. KARMARKAR: At the moment, I have not got the historical and chronological data before me.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Why has this Committee been indifferent so far in regard to these vital matters?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He does not know when it was started. It has not been indifferent.

जमे हुए मेंढकों का निर्यात

\*३६५. श्री नवाब सिंह चोहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भूतपूर्व तिरुवांकुर कोचीन राज्य के मछली के उत्पादन करने वाले जमे हुए मेंढकों का निर्यात कर रहे हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां तो किन किन देशों को, कितनी कितनी मात्रा में और किस किस भाव पर?

†[EXPORT OF FROZEN FROGS

\*365. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of Food and AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fish farmers of the former State of Travancore-Cochin are exporting frozen frogs; and

(b) if so, to which countries, in what quantity and at what rates?]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA): (a) No. Fish farmers are not exporting frozen frogs. Frog meat is frozen by a few private companies in Kerala and exported.

(b) about 125 tons of frog meat was exported to U.S.A. during the period from September, 1956 to July, 1957. The prices range between Rs. 3.81 and Rs. 4.76 per pound.

†[कृषि उपमंत्री (श्री एम० बी० कृष्णप्पा) : (क) जी नहीं। मछली के उत्पादन करने वाले जमे हुए मेंढकों का निर्यात नहीं कर रहे हैं। केरल में कुछ प्राइवेट कंपनियों द्वारा मेंढकों का मांस जमाया और निर्यात किया जाता है।

(ख) सितम्बर १९५६ से जुलाई १९५७ के दौरान में लगभग १२५ टन मेंढकों का मांस यू० एस० ए० को निर्यात किया गया है। इनके भाव ३.८१ रुपये से लगाकर ४.७६ रुपये प्रति पौंड तक हैं।]

श्री नवाब सिंह चोहान : आपने प्रति पौंड क्या बतलाया मुझे मालूम नहीं हुआ?

श्री एम० बी० कृष्णप्पा : यही ५ रुपये तक पर पौंड होगा।

†[ ]English translation.

‡[ ]Hindi translation.

This meat is sold in America at 80 cents. to a dollar per pound.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या ये वहां के किसी खास किस्म के मेंढक होते हैं और क्या ये यहां भी मिलते हैं? अगर मिलते हैं तो सरकार क्या प्रयत्न कर रही है कि यह भी बिकें और इससे अमेरिका से एक्सचेंज आये?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This is a very special type of frog, called Rana Tigrina. This is a very big one and is found generally in the low-lying areas of Kottayam in Kerala. This trade has been started since only the past eight months but it seems to have a good future and we are examining the possibilities of expanding it because it is a dollar earner.

श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : जब ऐसी अच्छी चीज मिल गई है तो सरकार क्या इस पर कोई प्रयोग यहां पर कर रही है कि और स्थानों पर भी इन मेंढकों को पैदा किया जाय ताकि बाहर भेजा जा सके।

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The whole thing has to be examined as to whether we can part with our frogs as they form the food for the snakes. If we send away the frogs, then the snakes may turn round on men.

DR. R. P. DUBE: I want to know whether they are frogs or toads?

MR. CHAIRMAN: He does not know the distinction.

श्री ए० बी० कुहम्बु : इनका वे वहां क्या करते हैं? यह दवा के वास्ते इस्तेमाल करते हैं या खाने के वास्ते इस्तेमाल करते हैं?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: It is imported for eating purposes.

DR. P. C. MITRA: Is licence given free?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: No licence is required. It is freely allow-

ed. Three companies who are interested in frozen fish started this trade in the off-season when they do not get sufficient quantities of fish. It seems to be a good trade.

### दुग्गली मक्की पर प्रयोग

\*३६६. श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्री खाद्य तथा कृषि मंत्रालय (कृषि विभाग) के १९५६-५७ के प्रतिवेदन में पृष्ठ ४३ पर पैरा १०१ को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) रोक फैलर फाउंडेशन के दो विशेषज्ञों की सिफारिश के अनुसार दुग्गली मक्की के उत्पादन के लिये जो चार केन्द्र स्थापित किये गये थे, उनमें से प्रत्येक ने अब तक क्या क्या कार्य किया है; और

(ख) दुग्गली मक्की पर अब तक जो प्रयोग किये गये हैं, उनका क्या परिणाम निकला है और क्या इस परिणाम का कुछ अंश किसानों तक पहुंचाया जा चुका है?

### †[EXPERIMENTS ON HYBRID MAIZE]

\*366. SHRI NAWAB SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to paragraph 1.1 on page 43 of the Annual Report of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Agriculture) for 1956-57 and state:

(a) what work has so far been done at each of the four centres set up on the recommendation of the two Rocke Feller Foundation Experts for the production of hybrid maize; and

(b) what result has been obtained by the experiments conducted so far on hybrid maize and whether any portion of the result obtained has been communicated to the farmers?]

सहकार मंत्री (डा० पी० एस० देशमुख) :

(क) और (ख). सभा की टेबिल पर एक विवरण रख दिया गया है।