

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government are contemplating to bid for hosting the 2012 Olympics in India. In order to pursue the bid, a Committee has been constituted by the Ministry. The first meeting of the Committee was held on 18.6.2002 wherein it was felt that organising the Olympics would be a major step in both development of the country and sports promotion. The IOA has, therefore, been requested to make a road map for successful bidding of the Olympics Games, 2012.

Language problem with foreign coaches of SAI

1179. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many foreign coaches appointed by the Sports Authority of India to train Indian sports persons are not fully conversant with English or Indian languages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the foreign coaches have been allowed to bring their own interpreters;

(c) if so, the salaries being paid, in foreign exchange, to such interpreters; and

(d) the reasons for not providing Indian interpreters for better communication with Indian players and to save foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. Almost all the foreign coaches appointed are well conversant with English Language except Archery Coach Mr. Chae Woong Lim from South Korea appointed on 21.6.02 to train Indian archers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The services of Indian interpreters will be provided wherever required.