

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Government kept a meeting on 27-4-2000 with BCCI office bearers to discuss Plans to raise the standards of Indian Cricket, The BCCI has agreed to give a detailed Plan in this regard within 3 months which will be further discussed with BCCI.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had instituted One man Justice Y. V. Chandrachud Committee to look into the complaints of match-fixing. The report of the Committee stand laid on the Table of the House on 24-04-2000.

Interrogation of Persons in the Match-Fixing Case

4559. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons interrogated in the match-fixing case;

(b) whether the name of any Indian cricket player has come in the light, so far; and

(c) if so, the action taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH) : (a) to (c) Government has taken a decision to entrust the matter of match fixing to CBI for appropriate Inquiry and necessary action and it would look into all aspects related to this matter including interrogation of alleged persons. However, Delhi Police has arrested two persons in a case registered vide FIR No. 111/2000 against Mr. Hansie Cronje and Others.

Match-Fixing in Pepsi Cup Series

4560. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 200 transactions were reportedly made in the cricket match-fixing of the Pepsi Cup Series held recently in India between Indian and South African Teams;

(b) whether India's Foreign Secretary kept informed the South African authorities regarding involvement of certain members of their cricket team in match-fixing;

(c) if so, what was the reaction of Government of South Africa thereto as well as reported impression of Cricket Control Boards in and outside India, besides cricket fans in the country; and

(d) whether Government have, till date, received report of inquiry held by Central agencies in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH) : (a) There have been various reports in Media in this regard. Since, the Government has decided to entrust the matter to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for Inquiry, it would look into all aspects of this issue.

(b) and (c) In conformity with the close and cordial relations India has with South Africa, South African authorities were kept informed regarding the possible involvement of certain members of their cricket team in match fixing. The South African side had reaffirmed their decision to abide by the results of the due process of law in this case. They have also informed that they proposed to set up a Judicial commission of Inquiry to probe the developments following Hansie Cronje revelations and have solicited India's cooperation in their commission of Inquiry.

(d) No. Sir.

Objectives of National Sports Development Fund

4561. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether by constituting the National Sports Development Fund, the desired objectives have not been achieved; and

(b) if so, what are reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) was set up with the objectives of achieving excellence in sports by way of imparting specialised training and coaching, maintaining infrastructure and supply sports equipment to Government and Non-Government Organisations. The Government contributed initially an amount of Rs. 200 lakhs as seed money. Further contribution by Government will be made only on matching contribution on the amount raised by donations. As yet, an amount of Rs. 11.60 lakh has been contributed by various PSUs. Efforts to mobilise more funds are being made.