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(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.