

{Figures in lakhs}

	97-98*	98-99	99-2000	Total
Number of persons assisted under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP)	Nil	93	2689	2782
Number of mandays of work generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP)	Nil	0.40	2.16	2.56
Number of persons benefited under Community Structure Component	Nil	9.25	Nil	9.25

*Programme started on 01.12.1997

(c) The SJSRY continues to be implemented in Punjab and the rest of the country in current year also. Punjab has been allocated a sum of Rs. 151.27 lakhs and so far a sum of Rs. 53.86 lakhs has been released under SJSRY in 1999-2000.

Reservation of posts for sports persons

1976. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation of posts in the Ministries/ Departments for Sports persons;

(b) whether any survey was done in the past in regard to posts so reserved in all the Ministries/Departments;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and

(d) if not, whether Government have any proposal for undertaking such an exercise in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH) (a) No, Sir. However, up to 5% vacancies in the Ministries/ Departments of the Government can be filled up by meritorious sports persons in Group 'C' and 'D' posts in relaxation of prescribed procedures/rules, in compliance with Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 14015/1/78-Estt. (D) dated the 4th August, 1980.

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(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

Steps to promote archery

†1977. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government for promotion and popularity of archery in the country; and

(b) the plan of Government to promote archery in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) The promotion of the game of Archery in the country is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation *i.e.* Archery Association of India which is an autonomous organization. However, Department of Youth Affairs and Sports through its operational wing *i.e.* Sports Authority of India (SAI) supplements the efforts of Archery Association of India (AAI) by providing assistance in training, technical and scientific inputs, organization of coaching camps, foreign exposure, providing foreign coaches etc. The talent spotted in archery is being trained at Army Boys sports company, SAI Training Centres and under special Area Games scheme of SAI.

(b) As sports is in the "State" List of the Constitution, the promotion of the game in a particular state is the responsibility of concerned State Govt./State Association. However, the archers selected from Rajasthan are admitted in SAI training centre at Delhi.

Helping youths in sports

1978. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how does his Ministry help youths of Assam in respect of sports;

(b) whether there is any new plan to help them; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.