

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) According to the provisions of the consumer Protection Act, 1986 the seller of the goods are liable to repair/replace the defective goods or return the money etc. to the consumers. Therefore, "Goods once sold will not be taken back" etc. are not enforceable under the law. The provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 are quite adequate and effective to protect the interest of consumers in case of defective goods purchased by/delivered to the consumers for any consideration. Aggrieved consumers have the right to seek redressal against unfair trade practices in the consumer courts for getting appropriate relief.

Absence of sports policy

†989. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no sports policy in the country till date;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this is the main reason for India's poor performance in Olympics and Asian games; and
- (c) if so, what is being done by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Sports Policy, formulated in 1984, sought to fulfil the objectives of Broad-basing of Sports and achieving Excellence in Sports. The Policy is proposed to be revised keeping in view, inter-alia, the various emerging trends and requirements.

Monastries/Monuments in Ladakh

990. SHRI KUSHOK THIKSEY: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ladakh region has more than 50 Monastries/Monuments from 10th to 15th century AD, eleven of which are monuments of national importance;

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(b) whether the monuments fall within the jurisdiction of Srinagar Circle of ASI, which is unable to look after them effectively due to locational differences and difficulties of Ladakh; and

(c) Whether a need for separate and special sub-circle of ASI for Ladakh region is contemplated; if so, by when a sub-circle for Ladakh region would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA, SINGH): (a) Thirteen monuments have been declared as of national importance in Ladakh.

(b) and (c) A full fledged Sub-Circle with its headquarters at Leh is already functioning.

Sports Facilities in Kerala

991. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any representation from the Kerala Sports Council for improving sports facilities in Kerala; and

(b) if so, what are the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Sports Authority of India has provided various sports and other facilities to trainees from Kerala under its sports promotional schemes. Instructions have also been issued to all concerned to make available the facilities to sports persons/trainees recommended by the Kerala Sports Council.

TRAINING FOR THE SPORTS OF INDIAN ORIGIN

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

(a) the programmes being undertaken to popularise and to impart training for the sports of Indian origin;

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