

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 is under review to identify provisions which need to be revised or strengthened. However, it will not be possible to indicate a time-frame for the completion of this exercise.

Quality of sports equipments

1706. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sports equipments available to our sportmen are either inferior in quality or are outdated; and

(b) if so, what are Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government of India has been providing adequate assistance to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for making quality sports equipments available to sports persons included in the National Teams.

(b) Does not arise.

Change in venue of National Youth Festival

1707. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to change the venue of the National Youth Festival from Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government for organising the National Youth Festival?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) to (c) In pursuance of a request received from the Government of Gujarat, the VI National Youth Festival is being organised in that State during January, 2000.

The State Government (who would be extended financial assistance, as prescribed) have been advised to undertake appropriate arrangements for successful conduct of the Festival.

Research on Sports Medicine Science

1708. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to go for the research on sports medicine science; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAUBA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are keen, keeping in view and rapid advances in Sports Medicine and its contribution towards enhancing the performance of sportspersons at the international level, to encourage research in this field.

Sports scientists, including Physiologists, Psychologists, Anthropometry Experts, Sports Medicine Experts, Bio-chemists, Bio-mechanic Experts and Nutritionists are employed by the Government. The Sports Scientists are deployed at the Faculty of Sports Sciences at Patiala and the Regional Centres of the Sports Authority of India at Bangalore, Calcutta, Gandhinagar and Delhi. In addition, Research Fellowships are awarded to young post-graduates, in different sports sciences, who are assigned research projects under the supervision of Sports Scientists posted in various Centres. The details of on-going research in the field of Medicine Science are enclosed in the Statement.

Statement

Research in Sports Medicine

(A) Research at NSNIS, Patiala in the field of Sports Medicine

- Influence of Herbal Medicine and Ergogenic Aids on performance.
- Effect of Nasodil a mechanical device to augment the Respiratory passage, for which a pilot project has been completed.