

New Sports Policy

†1712. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new sports policy is being declared in order to promote sports, whether physical education is being made compulsory in order to give a practical shape to sports policy; and

(b) if so, its overall objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH): (a) and (b) The formulation of a new National Sports Policy to pursue, inter-alia, the integration of Sports and Physical Education with the educational curriculum, is in hand. It is envisaged that the new Policy would concertedly strive towards, amongst others, the objectives of Broad-basing of Sports and achieving Excellence in Sports at the National and International levies.

Maintenance of Red Fort

1713. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that besides ASI, other authorities are also involved in maintenance and preservation of the glory of Red Fort, one of the greatest symbol of Mughal architecture;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the areas of maintenance responsibilities in respect of each of the agencies;

(c) whether Government have made any study as to the damage done and the unimaginative changes brought about in the course of restoration of the monument;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what measures are contemplated to restore the glory of the historic monument?

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

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