

exposures; foreign coaches; modern and scientific sports equipment.

In particular, the following measures have been taken with a view to improving the standard of our players and athletes in International Sports events:—

(i) *Coaching Camps*: Coaching Camps in almost all the disciplines are in progress at different training Centres of SAL

(ii) *International Competitions*: As per the approved programmes under the guidelines, various team are being sent for participation in International Competitions such as World Cups, Asian Championships, Commonwealth Championships and other International Competitions.

(iii) *Foreign Coaches*: Foreign Coaches from Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Israel, Bulgaria, Cuba, Australia and Mongolia in the disciplines of Athletics, Judo, Kayaking, Archery, Weightlifting, Boxing, Shooting and Wrestling have been engaged for the training of the National Teams.

Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation

1121. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The number of new libraries instituted so far with the initiative of Raja Ram Mohan Roy Library Foundation, since opening of new libraries is one of the main objectives for which the Foundation was created;

(b) the books purchased and supplied language-wise by the Foundation to the libraries in towns and rural areas separately during 1997-98; and

(c) what is the procedure for selection of books in the various Indian languages adopted by the Foundation for supply to the libraries?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Since library is a State subject, the main objective of Raja Rammohan Roy Library foundation is to support the library movement in the country. Hence instituting new library does not fall under the per-view of its objective.

(b) and (c) The Foundation purchases books in (1) Hindi (2) English (3) translations (Hindi/English) from other Indian language for distribution to the State Central Libraries, District Libraries and such other public libraries as decided by the Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation from time to time. The books are selected by a Book Selection Committee, set up by the Administrative Committee, in accordance with the guidelines laid down for the Committee. The books not ordinarily selected are (1) foreign publications (2) text books and (3) books costing above Rs. 500⁷-. However, exceptions are made in case of valuable and useful books. Selection is normally restricted to books published within the last 3 years, including the year of selection.

As far as books in regional language are concerned these are purchased by the States under the schemes of matching assistance towards building-up of adequate stock of books and other reading and visual material. Under the scheme the State Governments can purchase books in different subjects in regional languages.

The Foundation under its Central Purchase Scheme purchased and supplied during 1997-98, 1418 titles in English and Hindi to 27 State Central Libraries, 383 District Libraries and 100 selected libraries as per the break-up below:

1. English	1,121
2. Hindi	297
Total	1,418