

(b) whether it is true that the money has not so far been utilised for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) No, Sir. However, Astro-turf for hockey ground at Gandhinagar was completed in November, 1988 by the Sports Authority of India out of its budget.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decrease in the Strength of Technical Teachers in TTTI Chennai

2815. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of excellent facilities provided for imparting Technical Teachers Training in TTTI Chennai to 200 Technical Teachers Trainees for long term courses per year, the present strength has gone down to 52 teachers only;

(b) if so, whether Government have been informed about the fact of decreased strength prevailing for a number of years; and

(c) what steps were taken by Government to improve the teachers training programmes and measures taken to increase the maximum inputs to realize the huge expenses out of public money?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) There has been a downward trend in the number of trainees for long term courses of all Technical Teachers Training Institutes (TTTIs) in the country. However, apart from the long term courses, the TTTIs are offering a large number of short term courses, special courses, training programmes for overseas technical and vocational teachers, training of trainers from Government organisations and industry etc. Thus the facilities of these institutes are being utilised to the maximum extent possible.

Sports Complexes in Rajasthan

2816. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of HUMAN

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up more sports complexes to encourage sports activities in different parts of the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are Government's plans to improve India's performance in the field of international sports which has been extremely unsatisfactory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) and (b) Under the Scheme of Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure being implemented in the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, the State Governments are entitled to seek assistance, on matching basis for a District Level Sports Complex, a Sports Project Development Area (SPDA) Centre or a State Level Sports Training Complex. During the last three years beginning from 1-4-92, seventeen such complexes have been considered. In the case of Rajasthan final instalment of Rs. 1 crore out of the approved Central assistance of Rs. 2 crore, was release during 1993-94 for the State Level Sports Complex.

The details of other Sports Complexes considered during the last three years are given in the statement (See below).

(c) Government has taken following steps recently to improve India's performance in the field of international sports;

(i) The Schemes of Sports Authority of India for grooming talented young children are being streamlined.

(ii) Sports Academics are being established in selected disciplines in coordination with National Sports Federations. Public and Private sector undertakings and Sports Authority India.

(iii) National Sports Federations have been asked to prepare long term development plans for the Olympics and Asian Games.

(iv) Guidelines for giving assistance and encouragement to National Sports Federations are being revised with a view to achieve clear demarcation and identification of the role and responsibility of the involved agencies.

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Nature of facility

1. SPDA Centre at Phulbani (Orissa)
2. SPDA Centre at Madikere (Karnataka)
3. SPDA Centre at Salem (Tamil Nadu)