

(ख) स्कीम के अन्तर्गत आवेदन पत्र प्रारम्भ में 31-10-94 तक लिए जाने थे। आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने की अन्तिम तिथि 15 दिन के लिए बढ़ा दी गयी थी। क्योंकि प्रारम्भिक अवधि में प्राप्त आवेदनों की संख्या प्रस्तावित फ्लैटों से कम थी।

(ग) कुल प्राप्त 2783 आवेदन पत्रों में से लगभग 865 आवेदन पत्र बढ़ायी गयी अवधि के दौरान प्राप्त हुए।

**Objectives behind Asian Rowing Championship Organised at Chandigarh**

\*257. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Junior Asian Rowing Championship was organised at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh in November this year;

(b) the details of countries participated showing the number of competitors, males and females sent by each of them in the Championship and number of officials who accompanied the competitors of the respective countries;

(c) the details of total expenses incurred by Government in organising the championship;

(d) whether it is a fact that specific criteria were not adopted to ensure that the participating countries send their best performers;

(e) if so, the details of the criteria and how the performance of the participants, except of those from the Republic of China, compared; and

(f) whether the objective behind organising such championships that the competitors of the host country would avail exposure to international competition which would enable them to better their performance was realised?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as below:—

Country	Males	Females	Officials
Bangladesh	5	—	3
China	5	5	3
Japan	1	1	2
Korea	11	10	2
Hongkong	4	—	1
India	9	5	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15</b>

(c) Government of India incurred total expenditure of Rs. 37,39,959 as per details given below:—

i. Import and Transshipment of 16 Boats	Rs. 34,39,959
ii. Assistance for organising the championship	Rs. 3,00,000
	<b>Rs. 37,39,959</b>

(d) In 'Rowing' no specific standards as in measurable sports can be fixed in view of the varied conditions of water and wind in the competition course.

(e) The International Regulation of maximum age of 18 years for participants was followed and participating countries has sent their best teams in order to win maximum possible medals. In keen competition, Indian men & women teams won 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medals out of 8 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze medals awarded in the championship.

(f) The objective of organising such competitions in India is to provide an opportunity to the Indian Rowers to compete against the Rowers of other countries which would help in improving their performance. This objective was achieved. Moreover, such International competitions held in the country also encourage and inspire a number of youth to take to the sport of Rowing.

**Inclusion of Certain Castes in the list of Scheduled Castes**

\*258. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and number of caste organisations which have requested the Central Government to include their castes in the list of Scheduled Castes in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh and whose cases are pending for decision with the Central Government;

(b) what action Government have taken on this;

(c) if not, the time likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) what is the policy and procedure adopted in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement is annexed as a annexure (See Appendix 172, Annexure No. 67)

(b) and (c) An Advisory Committee has been set up in the Ministry of Welfare on comprehensive revision of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe lists to examine all