

Pension Scheme for Sportsmen

1359. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a pension scheme for all sportsmen who represent India at any Asian Games and the Olympics;

(b) if so, the details of such scheme; and

(c) if not, how Government propose to ensure the economic security for our sportsmen after they retire ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) to (c) There is no concrete proposal yet for a pension scheme for all sports-persons. However, the sportspersons who win medal in international events including Asian and Olympic Games are given cash awards under the scheme of Special Awards to medal winners in International events. The Award is intended to help sportspersons of outstanding excellence to maintain themselves with dignity and continue to give their best in further pursuit of the sports of their choice. Further under the National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons pension is given to sportspersons in indigent circumstances.

Assessment of the efficiency of UNICEF Programmes

1360. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM : Will the Minister of

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any study has been made by your Ministry or an outside agency of the impact of various UNICEF funded schemes for child welfare during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the findings;

(c) if not, the manner in which the efficiency of UNICEF programmes in the country is assessed; and

(d) at what level inter-action is conducted between the Central Government and UNICEF.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI) : (a) Yes Sir. A number of national programmes receiving assistance from UNICEF have been evaluated during the last three years.

(b) The details of findings of evaluations of the major UNICEF assisted programmes during the last three years are as follows :—

(i) *Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)— Evaluation by National Institute of Public Cooperation A Child Development (NIPCCD) 1991-92—*

(a) The Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) of areas covered by Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) is lower than the corresponding figure for the entire country. The differences are most significant in rural areas.

(b) Immunisation level amongst children w.r.t. ECG, Measles,