

**Training for National Level Sports**

2521. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which sports at present are planned to be brought upto the National level, Asia Cup level and World Cup level, category-wise;

(b) whether any training is being given; if so, what are those sports and the names of the Training Centres;

(c) whether Government propose to launch Soccer plan in the country;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The sports being promoted at various levels are as under:

*National Level:*

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Handball, Gymnastics, Hockey, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Football, Archery, Judo, Cycling, Fencing, Boxing, Kayaking & Canoeing, Rowing, Shooting etc.

*Asia Cup Level:*

Asia Level Priority sports disciplines were identified as follows:—

Archery, Athletics, Boxing, Equestrian, Badminton, Hockey, Kabaddi, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Yachting.

Scparate identification has not been done as World Cup level; however, encouragement and assistance is given to sportspersons who are capable of achieving world level excellence.

(b) The training is being imparted through various Schemes namely, National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Companies (ABSC), Sports Project Development Area (SPDA), Special Area Games (SAG) and Sports Hostel in the sports disciplines identified at the National level. So far as Asia Cup level disciplines are concerned, coaching camps are being conducted mainly at

the centres of Sports Authority of India at Bangalore, Patiala, Shilaroo, Delhi, Calcutta etc. in collaboration with the concerned National Sports Federations.

(c) and (d) Government have already discussed Development Plan for Football submitted by the All India Football Federation and financial and technical assistance is being provided for holding of coaching camps at various SAI centres for participation of National Football teams in various international tournaments in India and abroad. Considerable emphasis is given to football (or soccer) under the various schemes like NSTC, SPDA, Special Area Games, sports Hostel etc. The Football Federation is also being asked to prepare a plan for a four-year cycle within the perspective of a long term plan.

(e) Does not arise.

**Supply of Paper to NCERT by HPC**

2522. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCERT is buying paper only from M/s Hindustan Paper Corporation without floating any tender;

(b) if so, under what rules;

(c) whether it is also a fact that M/s HPC have supplied bad quality paper for printing of books to NCERT; and

(d) under what rules or guidelines NCERT is paying advance payment before the supply of the material to M/s HPC when no other Government department pays like that?

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC) is a Government of India enterprise manufacturing paper for the education sector. The NCERT is an autonomous organisation fully funded by the Government of India. As such, procurement of paper from the HPC for bringing out NCERT publications did not have to go through the tender requirement.