

Rewa, Sarguja, Satna, Sehore, Shahdol, Sidhi and Tikamgarh.

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Age of admission in Schools

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

(a) whether it is a fact that in the national capital the admission of children below the age of four years in schools has been prohibited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to impose such restrictions throughout the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) According to information furnished by the Govt. of NCT Delhi, that Govt. has issued orders to the effect that the child seeking admission to pre-primary class must have attained the age of four years by 30th September of the academic year for which admission is sought.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. It is for the concerned State Governments to introduce such measures consistent with the National Policy on Education.

Felicitation of Olympic Medal Winners

614. SHRI SATISH PRAHDHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of Indian who have won the medals in Olympics and the names of the events in which they have won;

(b) whether Government has felicitated or honoured these medal winners, if so, what was the award and when it was given ;

(c) whether the coaches of such medal winners were felicitated, if no, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government has got any policy on felicitating or honouring the trainers of the award winners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) The names of Indians who have won medals in Olympic Games alongwith the disciplines are given in the enclosed statement. (See below)

(b) Following twenty one medal winners have been felicitated with Arjuna Award :

| Name | Year of the Award |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Shri Pritpal Singh | 1961 |
| 2. Shri Charanjit Singh | 1963 |
| 3. Shri Shankar Lakshman | 1964 |
| 4. Shri Udhav Singh | 1965 |
| 5. Shri V.J. Peter | 1966 |