

and Bal Vikas Vibhag of the Uttar Pradesh Government since December, 1990 to April, 1991 are pending before the Central Government; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and by when this would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARIJUN SINGH) : (a) Under the Scheme of Setting up of Employment-cum-Income Generating units for women, 100% assistance is given to the applicant organisation. Under the Scheme of Support to Training and Employment Programme (STEP), 90% of cost of the approved project cost is given as grant-in-aid and 10% to be arranged by the applicant organisation.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Critical Review on Sports Policy

865. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the continued dismal performance of the Indian contingent in Olympics and International Games, Government have critically reviewed the sports policy with regard to the development of the sports, providing infrastructure for various disciplines, appointment of coaches for various disciplines and selection of talent for various sports events;

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

(c) the manner in which Government propose to remove the ills plaguing the Indian sports?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARIJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) Programme of Action of the existing Sports Policy was formulated and placed before both the Houses of Parliament in August, 1992.

(c) For the improvement of sports in the country the following areas have been identified in the Programme of Action

which require comprehensive improvements :

- (i) Creating a sports environment;
- (ii) Broadbasing;
- (iii) Improving competitive standard; and
- (iv) Sports Management.

Efforts are being made to involve all the partners concerned with these aspects of sports, namely the State Govts. the National Federations, the corporate Sector etc. in the successful implementation of the Programme of Action.

In addition, sports academies in select disciplines will be established in coordination with the concerned National Federations, Corporate Sector and Sports Authority of India. A Hockey and a Hand Ball Academy have already started functioning in New Delhi and Bhilai (M.P.) respectively and another five academies are on the anvil. These Academies will concentrate on training outstanding Juniors and Sub Juniors who will form the backbone of our teams in the years to come.

Grant to the Libraries of Delhi University

866. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the libraries of Delhi University are consistently shrinking and that acute shortage of books and periodicals has adversely affected the teaching and research work;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of fall in the grants given for libraries to the Delhi University by the University Grants Commission;

(c) what are the reasons for reducing the grants; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government to remove the paucity of funds being faced by the Delhi University Libraries in the larger interest of the students?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) The University