

[18 December, 2001] RAJYA SABHA

November, 2001 the issue of modernisation of the IISCO by a Russian company was raised at the meetings with the Russian side. Both sides also explored ways in which release of rupee repayment funds for such investments in Indian enterprises could generate demand for capital equipment from the Russian Federation.

(d) No agreement has however, been reached between the two sides.

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of (d) above.

Recruitment of Scouts to Tackle Cross-Border Terrorism

2881. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a sequel to Kargil a special Recruitment of scouts would be made particularly in Border Districts of Rajouri, Poonch, Uri and Karnah (Kupwara) in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, when steps for recruiting scout could be taken up to stop and combat cross-border terrorism by local youngmen on the border itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Under the scheme of Promotion of Scouting and Guiding being handled in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, no recruitment of scouts is done. The spirit of scouting and guiding is promoted through reputed organisations like the Bharat Scouts and Guides and Hindustan Scouts & Guides whose scouting activities are already quite popular in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

SAI Hostels at Goa

2882. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether two hostels of the Sports Authority of Indian in Goa are being run by a Badminton Coach;