

Sports Infrastructure was transferred to the State Sector and only committed liabilities were being considered upto 31.3.2007 as per the relaxation given by the Planning Commission. As such, no fresh case could be considered for Central financial assistance for construction of new Stadia and Sports Hostels in five years under the erstwhile Sports Infrastructure scheme.

Under the scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA) launched in 2008-09, a total financial assistance of Rs.250.78 crore was sanctioned to 24 States for creation and maintenance of sports infrastructure in 22854 Village Panchayats and 601 Block Panchayats, out of which a total amount of Rs.83.15 crore was released during 2008-09 towards the first instalment.

(d) No, Sir. Under the scheme of Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), Orissa State has been sanctioned the admissible financial assistance of Rs.7.34 crore for creation of sports infrastructure in 623 Village Panchayats and 31 Block Panchayats during 2008-09. The first instalment of Rs.3.67 crore has also been released during 2008-09.

Further, Sports Authority of India(SAI) is running four Sports Authority of India Training Centre(STC)/Special Area Games(SAG) Centres in the State of Orissa. Karanjia College, District Mayurbhanj has already been approved as an Extension Centre of STC/SAG for Football. For promotion of Hockey, a synthetic hockey surface is being laid at SAG Centre, Sunderbagh. Approval has also been given to start five Extension Centres for promotion of Sports in the State of Orissa.

India's Nuclear Power Market

572. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether leading nuclear power foreign companies are watching to take the opportunity in India's nuclear power market;

(b) whether foreign delegation from countries like France & Sweden are keen to provide nuclear risk management services and shown keen interest to garner a share in India's Nuclear Power Space; and

(c) if so, which are the important tie-ups that have taken place so far in the area of nuclear reactors and associated equipments for nuclear power plants who have joined hands for supplying reactors to India including manufacturing of 1000 megawatt nuclear reactors in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keen interest has been shown by several countries, both at government and company levels, to have nuclear commerce with India.

(c) Inter-governmental agreements have been signed with France, USA and the Russian Federation for co-operation in nuclear energy. MoUs have been signed between NPGOL and AREVA of France, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) and Westinghouse Electric Company (WEC) for setting up nuclear power reactors each of 1000 MWe and above.