

(b) During the Eleventh Plan period a budget projection of Rs. 15 Crores has been made to broad base and mainstream scouting and guiding.

(c) Does not arise.

Budget for youth and sports

571. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Youth Affairs and Sports budget is adequate to meet the needs of youth and sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the strategy of Government to increase the sports and youth activities;

(c) the total assistance given to various States in five years for new Stadium and Sports Hostel; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Orissa State is getting the minimum allotment in spite of doing much better in Hockey, Cricket and Football?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Revised Estimate for the financial year 2008-09 of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was Rs. 1311 crore (Plan). The Budget Allocation of the Ministry for the year 2009-10 is Rs.2699 crore (Plan).

In order to increase sports activities, the Government of India has launched a nationwide scheme for the promotion of rural sports infrastructure. Under the scheme, which has been named as Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan, all village and block Panchayats and their equivalent administrative units will be provided with basic sports infrastructure in phased manner over a period of 10 years by covering 10% each year. The scheme also provides for organizing rural sports competitions at block, district, state and national level. The scheme is expected to promote mass participation in sports among youth leading to a healthy and socially inclusive society and participation of youth in community development.

In so far as increase in youth activities are concerned, the strategy of the Ministry is to help bring about social transformation in rural areas by promoting and developing among the youth, awareness and commitment to values of national integration, discipline, secularism and citizenship. The Ministry also strives to imbibe a spirit of voluntarism and community service in the young minds of students. In order to achieve the above, the Ministry has already initiated action to expand the programmes of the schemes namely, Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Scouting and Guiding and the National Service Scheme.

(c) Till 31st March, 2005, the Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Government for creation of Sports facilities including construction of Stadiums, Sports Hostels and other sports infrastructure. However, with effect from 01.4.2005, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Creation of

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 NPGCL 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.