

Kabaddi in Commonwealth Games

†2457. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 126 dated 19 November, 2009 given in Rajya Sabha and state:

(a) the reasons for not including the name of 'Kabaddi' in the list of Indian games included in Commonwealth Games, 2010;

(b) whether it is a fact that we have won many gold and silver medals in this sport;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this is a sport without any equipment being played in every village of the country; and

(d) whether this sport was not given proper encouragement so that it may be included?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) The sports disciplines for Commonwealth Games are decided by the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) as per provisions of their Constitution, where ten sports are obligatory and seven sports are selected by the host city/Organising Committee from the list under optional sports. However, the Kabaddi sport does not figure in the list of sports identified by CGF under Obligatory or Optional Sports. As such, Kabaddi was not included in the disciplines of Commonwealth Games.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir. Kabaddi is under Priority category of sports of the Government and is extended every support and encouragement for development and excellence as per provisions under various schemes of Government.

Vacant posts in NYK

2458. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 400 posts are laying vacant in Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) including the post of D.G. for long time as a result of which the activities of NYK is suffering and there are no organizers where new districts are created;

(b) whether in Orissa also there is no director and no district organizers in all thirty districts; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and when these posts are being filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) NYKS has a sanctioned strength of 2027 posts out of which 432 posts including that of DG, NYKS are lying vacant at present. The activities/

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