

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI VIR SEN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pollution in Haryana

106. SHRI SULTAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that some factories near Kundli Jatheri and Sonapat in Haryana are discharging their effluents in the open thereby causing health hazards; and

(b) if so, what steps the Central Government are taking in this matter?

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Finalisation of sports policy

107. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised sports policy;

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

(c) what steps Government are taking to encourage schools and colleges in rural areas to spot talents for various sports events?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government Resolution on National Sports Policy was laid on the Table of the Sabha on 21st August, 1984.

(c) To encourage schools and colleges in rural areas to spot talent, the Government is proposing to start a new scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan under which a Sport Talent

Search Contest will be held to identify children with potentials. Further, it is also proposed to adopt certain schools all over the country where special facilities and specialised coaching will be made available so that talent identified in the rural areas can be nurtured. The Government is also proposing to expand the existing scheme of sports scholarships so that more talented youth can be encouraged. Besides these, the existing schemes, viz., the Sports Talent Search Scholarships, Rural Sports Tournaments, Rural Sports Centres and Women Sports Festivals and the national coaching scheme are proposed to be expended to achieve this end. It is also proposed to give more assistance to the Association of Indian Universities to encourage sports in colleges and universities.

Celebration of International Youth Year

108. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals formulated or proposed to be formulated for youth welfare during the International Year of the Youth;

(b) what assistance is being given to schools and colleges for the celebration of the year; and

(c) what are the new schemes under formulation to utilize youth energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Celebration of International Youth Year

1985, the International Youth Year is being celebrated in India as 'Year of the Youth'. The Year has provided the Government an opportunity to focus its attention on the situation of our youth and to initiate and intensify programmes for youth welfare