

rat who are staying abroad are often travelling to and fro;

(c) whether it is a fact that these persons staying abroad have to face lots of trouble at Bombay airport; and

(d) whether Government propose to consider the above demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Requests have been received for making Ahmedabad an International Airport.

(b) Such statewide figures are not maintained.

(c) The passengers travelling to Gujarat have to change flights at Bombay.

11 order, however, to facilitate their travel, adequate connections have been provided by Indian Airlines between Bombay and Ahmedabad.

(d) There is no specific proposal under consideration of the Government to declare Ahmedabad as an international airport. The Government, have however, recently appointed a Committee to, *inter-alia*, identify some more airports for the development of international operations with a view to reducing the pressure on Bombay airport.

Making preparations for 1988 Seoul Olympics

602. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; SHRI DRARAM CHANDER PRASHANT-

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what steps are being taken by Government for the preparation of the Indian contingent for 1988 Seoul Olympics;

(b) whether coaching camps for the Olympic probables are proposed to be held; and

(c) what are the plans of Government for exposing the Olympic probables to international competitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports has already initiated a dialogue with the national sports federations with a view to finding the best possible way to assist the federations in drawing up plans for spotting of talent that could mature for the Seoul Olympics in 1988. Due assistance will also be extended to the Indian

Olympic Association and the national sports federations in their task of preparing the Indian contingent for the 1988 Seoul Olympics. This will include assistance to the national sports federations for holding coaching camps for the Olympic probables at the appropriate time. For the present, within the overall preparations for the Seoul Olympics, it is proposed to concentrate on providing assistance to the above bodies for their preparation of the Indian contingent for the X Asian Games also to be held at Seoul. The question of exposing the Olympic probables to international competitions will arise when such probables have been identified by the Indian Olympic Association.

Bringing out of a publication on the Freedom Fighters

603. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to bring out a suitable publication with photographs of all freedom fighters, jail-wise in the country; and

(b) whether Government also propose to look into the case of improvement in pensions and other medical accommodation needs of freedom fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA);

(a) The project of compilation of "Who's Who" of freedom fighters has been the responsibility of the State Governments. As such, at the Central level