

12.00 Noon

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) No, Sir. Andhra Pradesh has hosted major international sports events such as Afro-Asian Games and the World Military Games.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) "Sports" being a state subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create the sports facilities. At present, there is no scheme in the Ministry for providing financial assistance for construction of stadia, sports complex, swimming pool, etc.

Comprehensive Sports Policy

4614. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had prepared a draft Comprehensive Sports Policy, and when it was submitted for the consideration of the Cabinet;

(b) if so, the present state of consideration of the draft;

(c) the likely period within which it is likely to be approved for implementation; and

(d) whether the approved version of the draft will be placed before Parliament and, if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports had proposed a new Comprehensive National Sports Policy in 2007-08, the draft of which was discussed with all Stakeholders viz. State Governments, Indian Olympic Association (IOA), National Sports Federations, eminent sportspersons and sports administrators. After careful consideration of the whole matter, the Government decided that the existing National Sports Policy 2001 is sufficient to achieve the goals set of both mass participation and the promotion of excellence in sports and decided to withdraw the draft Comprehensive National Sports Policy. Accordingly, the policy was withdrawn with the approval of the Cabinet.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Outcome Budget (2010-11) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Outcome Budget, for the year 2010-11, in respect of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

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